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Eather A. Blair
Widow

Burial #
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ESTHER A. BLAIR,
 3-1081 GLIDDEN, IOWA.
 344885 ACT APR
 DEPT REPORT-PENSIONER

Cart. No. 344.885
 Pensioner Esther A. Blair
 Soldier _____
 Service _____
 Class ACT MAY 1, 1920-WIDOW SECTION W

LAW DIVISION

_____, 192
 In the above-described case a declaration filed
 in this Division indicates that said pensioner died
 _____, 19____

Per _____ Chief, Law Division.

FEB 4 1925
 Canceled on Schedule
 payee deceased

FINANCE DIVISION

30 3/4 1925 MAR 6 1925, 192
 The name of the above-described pensioner who
 was last paid at the rate of \$ 30 per month
 to _____, 19____, has this day
 been dropped from the roll because of death
 Jan. 27. 1925

C. J. Randall
 Chief, Finance Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Washington, Apr 15, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

John Shaw, a Private of Company "H",
9th Regiment Iowa Cav. Volunteers, was enrolled on the

day of _____, 1864, at _____,

and is reported: Return for July/64 does not

report him absent. No evidence on Returns
of the Dept or Corps this regt. served in, that
it was in action at any time during the month of
July 1864.

The records of this office, including
Company Morning Reports, furnished no
evidence of alleged ground or injury.

13 No Regimental or Hospital Record
nor Casualty List for said organization
and file.

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W. G. Moore
Assistant Adjutant General.

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CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE RECORD.

(Form 18.)

Citizen Print, Iowa Falls.

STATE OF IOWA, }
Hardin County. } SS.

I, J. M. Scott Clerk of the
 District Court in and for said County, do hereby certify that
John Blair and Esther A. Slato
 were joined in marriage by A. M. Mulford a
Justice of the Peace on the 24th day of
March A. D. 1870, as appears from the Mar-
 riage Records now in my office.

Witness my hand and the Seal of said
 Court this 20 day of June
 A. D. 1891.

J. M. Scott
 Clerk of District Court.
 5- Marble

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Certificate of Marriage Record.

IN THE CASE OF

Mr. John Blair ^{decd}

AND

Mrs. Esther A. Blair

Wid. # 510. 282

Esther A. Blair

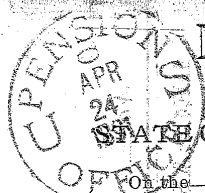
widow of John

Co. "B" 9th Cal. Cav.

Filed by

Maring & Blusher

Columbus, Ind



DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S ARMY PENSION.

STATE OF Iowa, COUNTY OF Carroll, SS:

On the 17th day of April, A.D., one thousand eight hundred and

eighty-one, personally appeared before me, Ethel A. Blair, Clerk of the Cir-

cuit Court within and for the county and State aforesaid,

a resident of Boon Rapids in the county of Carroll.

and State of Iowa, aged 41 years, who being duly sworn according to law,

doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act

of Congress, July 14, 1862. That she is the widow of John Blair

who enlisted in the service of the United States at X Eldora in the State of

Iowa, on the 24 day of X October, 1863, as a

Private in Company X commanded by John Blair

in the 9th Regiment of Iowa Cavalry in the war of 1861;

from which he died, while in the service aforesaid, in the line of his duty contracted disability

at Boon Rapids in the State of Iowa, on the 2nd day of

March, A.D., 1891. She further declares that she was married to the said

John Blair in the county of Hardin and State

of Iowa, on the 24th day of March in the year 1870

that her name before her marriage was Ethel A. Blair; that her husband,

the aforesaid John Blair, died on the day above mentioned, and that she

has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto an-

nexed. She further swears that she has the following named children of her deceased husband and herself, under

sixteen years of age, who are now living, the dates of whose births are given below, to-wit:

Gonetta A. Blair born on the 1st day of August 1877

Lerr H. Blair born on the 1st day of January 1880

born on the _____ day of _____ 18____

born on the _____ day of _____ 18____

born on the _____ day of _____ 18____

And that the above named children are the only legitimate children of herself and her said husband, now living,

who are under sixteen years of age. She further declares that she has not remarried since the death of her said

husband, nor has she abandoned the support of any one of the children above named, nor permitted any one of

the same to be adopted by any other person or persons, as his, or her, or their child.

And further, that her said husband has left _____ minor child _____ by a

former marriage Soldier drew pension under. Cert.

371,499

She also declares that she has not in any manner been engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the

United States. She hereby appoints Marion C. Blushers

of Columbus State of Indiana, her true and lawful attorney, with full

power of substitution to prosecute this claim for pension, and to receive the certificate that may be issued there-

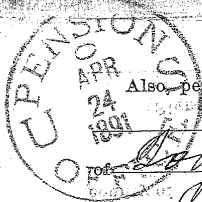
for. She requests that her pension be paid at Des Moines State of

Iowa. Her post-office address is Boon Rapids

county of Carroll State of Iowa

Signature of Claimant: Ethel A. Blair

Signature of Witnesses: W. M. Bailey



Also, personally appeared before me, at the time and place aforesaid C. E. Morris
a resident of Crown Rapids County, State
Iowa, and Geo W Bailey a resi-
dent of Carroll county, and State of Iowa

persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn according to law, de-
clares each for himself, that they well know Ester A. Blair, who
signed the foregoing affidavit in their presence; and that she is the identical
person she represents herself to be in said averment; and that the name A, ages 8 and residence of her and
her husband's child as represented by her in the foregoing averment are, as they verily believe;
and also that they are the only legitimate child born of said John
Blair, under sixteen years of age. And that she has not abandoned the
support of any one of said children, nor permitted any one of the same to be adopted by any person or persons
as his, her or their child, and that her said husband John Blair, has
left no children by a former marriage.

They further declare that she has remained a widow ever since her husband's decease.

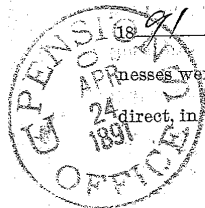
They further swear that they or either of them, have no interest in this claim, either present or prospective;
and that they are not concerned, directly or indirectly, in its prosecution, and are not near relatives of the claimant.

Signatures of Identifying Witnesses.

C. E. Morris
Geo W Bailey

When signed by
mark, two persons
must sign as wit-
nesses to mark.

Sworn to, acknowledged, and subscribed before me, this 17th day of April



91, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declarations of claimant and affidavit of wit-
nesses were made known to each of them before administering the oath, and that I have no interest, direct or in-
direct, in the prosecution of this claim.

Official Signature:

Geo Cooney
Natary Public
Carroll Co Iowa

Inc of
No. 371,499
5750

DECLARATION

FOR

Widow's Pension.

CLAIM OF
Ester A. Blair Widow
John Blair of
"86" Reg't
Iowa Co.,
in Rapids P.O.
Carroll County
Iowa State of

FILED BY
Mary E. Bush
Carroll P.O.
North Platte County
Indiana State of

Attorney for Claimant.

Wm. Mitchell, Printer, Greenfield, Ind.

"A" Declaration for Original Invalid Pension. "A"

STATE OF Kansas
COUNTY OF Rush } S. S.

On this 18 day of June A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven
personally appeared before me: a County Clerk Clerk; the same being a Court
of Record of the County and State aforesaid John Blair
a resident of Lacroser County of Rush State of Kansas
who being by me duly sworn according to law, on his solemn oath, deposes as follows, to wit:

"I am the identical John Blair who was enrolled on the 24th
day of October 1863 in Company H of the 9th Reg't of Iowa Cavalry
Vol's., commanded by Captain Charles F. Lato and I was honorably discharged at
Little Rock, Ark. on the 3rd day of February 1866 and my age is
now 31 years. While in the service aforesaid, and in the line of my duty I received the following disability, to wit:

On or about the July 25th 1864, at or near Duwac
Bluff, Ark. I received gun shot wound in my hips,
from which cause, I am still lame, and suffers
continually from the same. I was also kicked by a
horse, while on stable duty, at Washington Ark.
September 16th 1864, which broke my breast bone,
from the effects of which I am compelled to cease
work, 1/2 of my time, I was treated in Hospital at
Washington Ark. from Sept. 16th 1864, until the
1st Oct. following.

I claim a pension on account of gun shot wound
in both hips, and also injury to my breast as stated.

I have never been employed in the Military or Naval Service of the United States otherwise than set forth above
Since leaving the Service, I have resided at Eldora Iowa
and my occupation has been Farming before my entry into the Service aforesaid I was of good,
ound physical health, being at enrollment a Private and I
am now partially disabled from obtaining my subsistence by manual labor by reason
of my disabilities above stated, received in the service of the United States, and I make this Declaration for the purpose
of being placed on the Invalid Pension Roll of the United States. I hereby appoint and empower, with full power of
substitution, NATHAN W. FITZGERALD, OF WASHINGTON CITY, D. C. my true and lawful Attorney to prosecute
my claim. My Post Office address is Lacroser County of
Rush State of Kansas

John Blair
(Claimant's Signature.)

Attest:
Two Witnesses.

Eldora Elder
Lyman Carr

Also personally appeared John H. Carr residing
 at Larose Post Office and Larose Carr residing
 at Larose Post Office persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and
 who being by me first duly sworn according to law, say they were present and saw John Blair
 the claimant sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe,
 from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents
 himself to be; and that they have no interest in this claim for Pension.

Signatures of Witnesses.

John H. Carr
Larose Carr

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 18th day of June A. D. 1879

The contents of the foregoing Declaration were fully made known and explained to claimant
 and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____

[SEAL.]

erased, and the words _____ added; and I have

no interest in this claim for Pension

W. E. Garner
 Signature.

Co. Clerk
 (Official Character.)

Rush Co. Clerk

"A" INVALID
 Claim for Pension

ORIGINAL

John Blair

Private, Co. A, 9th Reg't

Donna Vols.

FILED BY
 NATHAN W. FITZGERALD,
 CLAIMANT'S ATTORNEY,
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

9/307

State of Iowa }
 Carroll County } ss
 I Alice G. Smith being first duly sworn
 depose and say under oath that I was
 personally acquainted with John Blair
 late Private in ~~Co H~~ 9th Iowa Cav
 Certificate No 371499. prior to his marriage to
 Esther A. State and know of my own
 knowledge that he was ~~un~~married up
 to the time of said marriage to Miss
 Esther A. State which occurred on
 March 24th 1870. also that Esther A
 State was a single Lady prior to her
 marriage to John Blair on the 24th
 day of March 1870. and that she has
 not remarried since his
 death

Alice G. Smith.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
 by Alice G. Smith this the 4th day
 of Nov 1891

John Cooney
 Notary Public in & for
 Carroll Co Iowa

91 P M S,
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State of Iowa }
 Carroll County } S.B.

In the matter of accrued pension
 of Esther A. Blain Widow of John Blain Decd.
 of Co-H. 9th Iowa Cav (No 371499)

Comes now Rev A. S. Massman and
 being first duly sworn deposes and says
 that he was personally acquainted with
 Esther A. Blain prior to her Marriage to
 John Blain on 24th day of Mch 1870
 and know of my own knowledge that
 they were both single persons prior
 to said date, and that they have
 continuously lived together as
 Husband & Wife up to the date of
 his death and that she has not
 re married since his death
 A. S. Massman

Sworn and Subscribed to by Rev
 A. S. Massman before me this the
 11th day of November 1891

Jno Cooney
 Notary Public in & for
 Carroll Co Iowa

M.P.M.S.

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The person or persons making this affidavit must fill it up fully, giving a full and complete statement of the facts in the case. State how the disability is and how it has been affecting the applicant while under your observation. Describe as fully and clearly as possible his physical condition then, and state how it has continued while under your observation. If the applicant is disabled from labor, state how much of the time he loses. The officer before whom this affidavit is taken should carefully read over to each party, the contents of the affidavit and fully explain the matter to them. The affiant should, if practicable, write out the statement; he should also state how he came to know the facts to which he testifies.

STATE OF Iowa, COUNTY OF Hardin, ss:

In the matter of Mid. Claim # 570,282 of
Esther A Blair wid. of John Blair
Int. Co. - "76" 9" Iowa Car

I Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said
 County and State, Huldah Weatherly, aged 33 years,
 (Name in full.)
 whose post-office address is Radcliff
 (P. O. address.)

County of Hardin State of Iowa —, well known
 to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in
 relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I was in attendance and waited
 on Esther A Blair widow of
 John Blair at the Birth of their
 Child was was born in Jewell
 County Kansas on January 1-1880.
 and I know that the boy called
 Levi H Blair is the identical
 child born at that date & came
 from name of Physicians or other
 parties who were with Esther A
 Blair at the Birth of Child as
 a son said as I could on the morning
 of January 2, 1880 —

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE)

Birth Levi H # 12

and I further says that my knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: _____

and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

Attest—When any Affiant signs BY MARK.
(Two Persons.)

Signatures
of
Affiants.

Huldah Weatherly

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted h with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 25 day of January, 1892

(Signature.)

a. H. H. H.
Notary Public

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT OR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character on the back thereof, and not on a separate piece of paper.

State of _____, County of _____, ss:

I, _____, Clerk of County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 189_____

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

~~18~~ If a Notary Public (or Justice of the Peace) will put his signature and seal impress (if he has one) on a sheet of paper, and a Clerk of Court will certify that they are genuine, stating when his commission was dated and when it will expire; he can execute papers to be used in ONE DEPARTMENT ONLY during his term of office without authentication by the Clerk of Court. Such Certificates for each Department, where many authentications are required, will save much expense.

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~~20~~ Write an affidavit just as you would a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places, as near as you can remember, and of your own personal knowledge and observation, and state how you know what you say to be true.

5-7501
Filed No. 510,282

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF
E. A. Blair
FOR
Wid. of John Blair
Pr. & Geo. H. 9 Iowa. Com.

AFFIDAVIT OF
Huldah Weatherly
Radcliff, Iowa

FILED BY
Mary and Elmer
Leubner and

APR 12 1892
ST. JOHNS OFFICE

L. L. BROWN, PRINTER, COLLEGIUS, IND.

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STATE OF Iowa, COUNTY OF Carroll, ss:
 In the matter of Wid. claim \$510.22 of Esther A. Blair, Wid. of John Blair, Pat. Co. No 9 Iowa Co.
 Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, Amos G. Smith, aged 36 years, (Name in full.)
 whose post-office address is Arva Rapids (P. O. address.)

County of Carroll State of Iowa, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I first knew Arnetta A Blair daughter of John Blair and Esther A Blair in November 1877 she being then about three months old - Arnetta Blair was born August the 12th 1877 at Hardin County Iowa - I was not present at her birth but know she is the legitimate child of John Blair and Esther A Blair and Arnetta Blair is still living.

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE)

Birth Arnetta A 13

and She further says that her knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: By first seeing the child Arnette a
Blair when she was only 3 months old
and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

Attest—When any Affiant signs BY MARK.
(Two Persons.)

Signatures
of
Affiants.

Alice G. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted her with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 22 day of April, 1892

(Signature.)

Jno H. Weaver Notary Public

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT OR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character on the back thereof, and not on a separate piece of paper.

State of _____, County of _____, ss:

I, _____, Clerk of County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a _____

in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 1892

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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Wid. No. 570282

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

Esther A. Blair

FOR

Wid. of John Blair

Port. of "K" 9" from Cas.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Alice G. Smith

born Rapids, Iowa

FILED BY

Wm. H. and Glushko

Centurion, Ind.

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STATE OF Iowa, COUNTY OF Carroll, ss:
 In the matter of Wid. Claim No. 510,212 of Esther A. Blair, Wid. of John Blair, Pet. Co.
No. 9 - Iowa Co.
 Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said
 County and State, Amos G. Smith, aged 36 years,
 (Name in full.)
 whose post-office address is Carroll Rapids
 (P. O. address.)

County of Carroll State of Iowa, well known
 to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in
 relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I first knew Anneta A Blair daughter
 of John Blair and Esther A Blair
in November 1877 She being then about
three months old - Anneta Blair was
born August the 1st 1877 at Hardin County
Iowa - I was not present at her birth
 but know she is the legitimate child of
John Blair and Esther A Blair and
that the child Anneta Blair is still
living

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE.)

Birth Anneta A 13

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STATE OF Missouri, COUNTY OF Adair, SS:

In the matter of Mid. Claim # 810.282 of
Esther A Blair wid. of John Blair
Int. Co - "76" 9" S. and E. Cor.

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for said
 County and State, Eliza A. Brooks, aged 45 years,
 whose post-office address is Shibleys Point, Adair Co.
 (P. O. address.)

Ma.

County of Adair State of Missouri, well known
 to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in
 relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

That she was an attendant on
Esther A. Blair at the birth of Annette
A. Blair on the first day of Aug. 1877
according to the best of her knowl-
edge

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE.)

Birth Annette A. 14

and ~~she~~ further says that ~~she~~ knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: Living within eight rods of Esther A. Blain's house she visited her daily and that ~~she~~ has no interest nor concern in this matter.

Attest—When any Affiant signs BY MARK.
(Two Persons.)

Signatures
of
Affiants.

Eliza W. Brooks

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that she is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which she resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 22nd day of Apr., 1892

(Signature.)

Joseph S. Matter J.P.

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State of Missouri, County of Adair, ss:

I, J. Reiger, Clerk of County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that Joseph S. Matter, Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 26th day of April, 1892

J. Reiger

Clerk of the

County Clerk

[L. S.]

If a Notary Public (or Justice of the Peace) will put his signature and seal impress (if he has one) on a sheet of paper, and a Clerk of Court will certify that they are genuine, stating when his commission was dated and when it will expire; he can execute papers to be used in ONE DEPARTMENT ONLY during his term of office without authentication by the Clerk of Court. Such Certificates for each Department, where many authentications are required, will save much expense.

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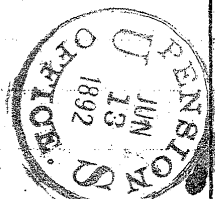
Adair Co. 5-10-282

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

FOR
Esther A. Blain wid.
John Blain, Port. Co. 11 9 "La. Cav.

AFFIDAVIT OF
Eliza A. Brooks
Whitely's Print. Mfg.



FILED BY
Mr. J. W. and S. W. S.
Columbus, Ind.

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STATE OF Iowa, COUNTY OF Carrall, ss:

In the matter of Wid. Claim # 870.282 of
Esther A Blair Wid of John Blair
Pvt Co "H" 9th Iowa Cav.

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said
 County and State, Alvin G. Smith, aged 36 years,
(Name in full)
 whose post-office address is Casa Rapids
(P. O. address)

County of Carrall State of Iowa, well known
 to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in
 relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I was personally acquainted with John
Blair late Private Co H 9th Iowa Cavalry
prior to his marriage with Esther A
Slaty. Now Esther A Blair. The marriage
of John Blair to Esther A Slaty in March
12th 1870 at Hardin County Iowa was
the first and only marriage of John Blair
of whom personally acquainted with Esther
A Blair & living a neighbor to her at the
present time. She is the widow of John
Blair deceased & is entirely dependent
upon her own labor for support.
She does not own any real Estate and
the value of all her personal property will
not exceed Two Hundred & Fifty
Dollars. - She has no income from
any source whatever

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and She further says that her knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: David a neighbor to Mrs Blain prior to his marriage & her a neighbor to his widow at present and that she has no interest nor concern in this matter.

Attest—When any Affiant signs BY MARK.
(Two Persons.)

Signatures
of
Affiants.

Alice G. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 22nd day of June, 1892

(Signature.)

Geo. H. Water Notary Public

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State of _____, County of _____, ss:

I, _____, Clerk of County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 1892

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

Estate of A. Blain

FOR

and John Blain

and A. H. "9" Iowa Co.,

AFFIDAVIT OF

Alice G. Smith

Geo. Rapido, Iowa



FILED BY

Wm. H. & Shuster
and Edmunds, Ind.

L. T. BROWN, PRINTER, COLUMBUS, IND.

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STATE OF Iowa COUNTY OF Carroll SS:
 In the matter of claim #510,282 of Esther A Blair widow
of John Blair late private Co. "K" 9 Regt. Iowa
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Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said
 County and State, Levi B. Smith, aged 51 years,
(Name in full.)
 whose post-office address is Carroll Rapids
(P. O. Address.)
 County of Carroll State of Iowa, well known
 to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in
 relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I am personally acquainted with Esther
Blair Widow of John Blair deceased.
I live a near neighbor to her - have known
her for ten years. - Esther Blair is entirely
dependent upon her own labor for support
- She does not own any real Estate
and the value of all her personal property
will not exceed Two Hundred & fifty
Dollars. - She has no income from any
source whatever

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STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, SS:

In the matter of Wid. Claim #510,282. of Esther A. Blair, Wid. of John Blair, Pot. Co. No. 9- Iowa. Cav.

Personally came before me, a Notary in and for said County and State, Rev. A. L. Mossman, aged 34 years, whose post-office address is Leon Rapids (P. O. address.)

County of Barren State of Iowa well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

(Viz) That he was personally acquainted with Esther A Blair previous to her marriage to John Blair and knows of his own knowledge that she was a single lady previous to her marriage to John Blair and that she has not remarried since the death of John Blair her late husband.

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and he further says that his knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: personal acquaintance

and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

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Signatures
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A. Schumann

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 30th day of May, 1891

(Signature)

John Rooney Notary Public
for Carroll Co. Md.

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I, _____, Clerk of County Court in and for aforesaid

County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who hath signed his name

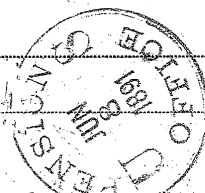
to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a _____

in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 1891

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____



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Wid. no. 510.282
GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.
CASE OF
FOR
Esther A. Blair
widow of John
ex. "76" Geo. A. Blair.
AFFIDAVIT OF
Rev. A. C. Moorman
Carr Rapids, Ala.
FILED BY
Marion + Shusher
Colonial Bus, Ind.
L. T. BROWN, PRINTING, COLUMBIA, IND.

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STATE OF Iowa, COUNTY OF Carroll, ss:

In the matter of Wid Claim # 510,282. of Esther A. Blair, Wid of John Blair, Pat. Co. No. 9-Iowa Child.

Personally came before me, a Natary Public in and for said County and State, Mrs A. M. Smith, aged 39 years, (Name in full.) whose post-office address is Coon Rapids (P. O. address.)

County of Carroll State of Iowa, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

(viz) that she was personally acquainted with Esther A. Slater previous to her marriage to John Blair & know of my own knowledge that she was a single lady prior to marriage to John Blair & that she has not remarried since his death.

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE)

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and she further says that her knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: personal acquaintance

and that she has no interest nor concern in this matter.

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Mrs A. B. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted h with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 30 day of May, 1891

(Signature)

Amo Rooney Notary Public
for Carroll County, Iowa

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County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who hath signed his name

to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a _____

in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF
Other A. Blair
FOR
widow of John
do "do" by Blair, dec.
AFFIDAVIT OF
Mrs. A. B. Smith
doon Rapids, Ia.

FILED BY
Marian T. Blusher
Columbus, Ind.

L. T. BROWN, PRINTER, COLUMBUS, IND.

1st & only marriage of claimant

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STATE OF Iowa, COUNTY OF Cass, ss:
 In the matter of Wid. Claim # 370,282 of
Esther A Blair wid. of John Blair
Port Co 16 " 9 " Iowa Cav.
 Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said
 County and State, A. L. Mosseman, aged 31 years,
(Name in full.)
 whose post-office address is Cross Rapids Iowa
(P. O. address.)

County of Cass State of Iowa, well known
 to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in
 relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I was personally acquainted with John
Blair late Private Co 16 9th Iowa Cavalry
prior to his marriage with Esther A Slater
Now Esther A Blair The marriage of John
Blair to Esther A Slater in March 24th
1870 at Hardui County Iowa was the first
and only marriage of John Blair

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE.)

N.P.M.S.

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and he further says that his knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: by being a neighbor to John Blair & Esther a State where they were married and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

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(Two Persons.)

Signatures
of
Affiants.

A. S. Mossman

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted h with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 27th day of April, 1892.

(Signature.)

John H. Hester Notary Public

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State of _____, County of _____, ss:

I, _____, Clerk of County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a _____

in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 1892.

[L. S.]

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF
Esther A. Blair
FOR
Wid. John Blair
Attd "g" Eva Blair
AFFIDAVIT OF
A. S. Mossman
Corn. Papicko, Iowa



FILED BY
Waring and Shuck
Notaries Public
I. T. BROWN, PRINTER, COLUMBUS, IOWA.

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STATE OF Iowa }
COUNTY OF Carroll } ss:
In the matter of Plaintiff #371-499 of John Blair
Crivati Co. H. 9. Regt Iowa Cav.

Personally came before me, a Naturalized Public in and for said
County and State, Thos E. Bott, aged 57 years,
(Name in full.)
whose post-office address is Scranton
(P. O. Address.)

County of Green State of Iowa, well known
to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in
relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I have known the
Applicant, John Blair, a little over three
years, or since September 1886, and I do positively
affirm to the best of my knowledge and judgement,
during that time, he has been utterly unfit to
perform any manual labor without subjecting
himself to great misery and pain. he is continually complaining
of rheumatic pains in his limbs and at times all
over his body, also complaining of kidney trouble,

The aforesaid John Blair has frequently visited me
at my residence, and I also have made my home
with him, when on my pastoral duties, once or
twice a month during the time I have known
him, and I have never visited him but what I found
now complaining of the aforesaid troubles, and also doctoring
for the same. I am an eye witness to his broken rest at
night, on account of the aforesaid trouble, he
sometimes being obliged to arise from his bed
six or seven times in one night, on account of pain
sometimes not quite so often but I have never
known him retire at night to rest at night
without being obliged to get upon account of pain
during the night

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51 87 to 901 Rheum. Kidneys

and he further says that his knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: having known him personally for
three years,
and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

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(Two Persons.)

Signature of
Affiants.

Thos E. Bott
Pastor of friends Church
Carroll Co. Iowa

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 4th day of March, 1880

(Signature.)

John H. Hester
Notary Public Carroll Co. Iowa

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Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 1880

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

FOR

John Blair

Sub. Co. No. 91 Iowa, Cal.

AFFIDAVIT OF

Thos. E. Bott

Carroll Co. Iowa.

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Columbus, Ind.

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STATE OF Iowa
 COUNTY OF Carroll } ss:
 In the matter of Claimant #371-99 of John
Blair Private Co "H" 9" Iowa Cav

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said
 County and State, Leong, W. Bailey, aged 56 years,
 (Name in full.)
 whose post-office address is Coon Rapids
 (P. O. Address.)

County of Carroll State of Iowa, well known
 to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in
 relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I have been intima-
ately acquainted with the applicant for
the last passed seven years, and know
of my own knowledge that he has been
afflicted with Rheumatism & urinary
trouble and that one half of the time
he is confined to his bed & unable
to turn himself in bed & is
not able to perform manual
labor at any time with any
degree of comfort or without
pain

[Signature]

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE.)

49 Cont. Rheum & urinary organs.
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and *he* further says that *his* knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: *having resided within ten rods of his residence for 2 years & waiting on him while in bed* and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

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(Two Persons.)

Signature of
Affiants.

George W Bailey

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted *him* with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this *15th* day of *April*, 18*90*

(Signature.)

Jno Casey

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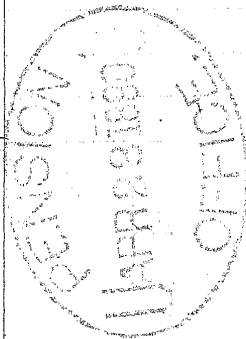
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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

John Blair
John Blair 911 Iowa, Cal.

George W Bailey
Over Roads. Iowa



Waring, Shaker & Co
Columbus, Ind.

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STATE OF Iowa
COUNTY OF Hardin } ss:
In the matter of Plaintiff #371-499 of John Blain
vs "H" 9" Reg Iowa Cav

Personally came before me, a Just of Dist Court in and for said
County and State, E Y Merrill, aged 66 years,
(Name in full.)
whose post-office address is Eldora
(P. O. Address.)

County of Hardin State of Iowa, well known
to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in
relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I have been acquainted with John Blain for
Twenty nine years - Saw him in Eldora Iowa
after he returned from the army in Feb 1866
and was with him almost daily for some three
years or more - Since then have seen him
quite seldom - On his return he seemed
quite feeble - not being able to do but little
manual labor, and this continued during his
sojourn in Eldora - I have seen him but
seldom since - I know what I am saying
by having been with him often during his
stay in Eldora

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and he further says that his knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: before stated

and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

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Signature of
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E. G. Merrill

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Witness my hand and official seal, this 20th day of February, 1890

(Signature)

John Seavey Clark

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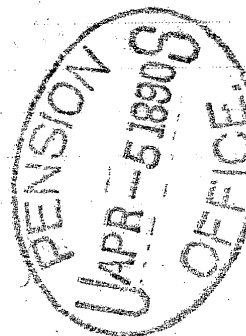
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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

FOR
John Blair
Sub. Co. "H" 9th Iowa Can,

AFFIDAVIT OF
E. G. Merrill
Eldora. Iowa



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Columbus. Ind.

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STATE OF Iowa

COUNTY OF Hardin } ss:

In the matter of Original claim #371-499 of John Blair Private Co "H" 9th Iowa Inf

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, Daniel F. Ellsworth, aged 78 years,

(Name in full.)

whose post-office address is Eldora

(P. O. Address.)

County of Hardin State of Iowa, well known

to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

that I have known the claimant John Blair ever since his return from the army. That upon his return from the army he was so badly afflicted with the rheumatism that we had to carry him from the stage to the house and it was several months before he was able to get out. I lived next door to him and saw him frequently for some three years after his return. Knew him to be afflicted with the rheumatism during this entire period in so much that he was scarcely able to perform manual labor.

That I was proprietor of the stage line over which he came when he returned and also proprietor of the hotel at which he first stopped upon his arrival at Eldora.

That it was the latter part of the month of 1866 when he returned from the army.

~~Signature~~

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE.)

(Cont. Rheumatism)

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and I further says that my knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: by personal acquaintance, and living neighbor to him and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

Attest—When any Affiant signs BY MARK.
(Two Persons.)

Signature of
Affiants.

Daniel F. Ellsworth

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted h with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 21 day of February, 1890

(Signature.)

N. B. Carpenter
Notary Public

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT OR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character on the back thereof, and not on a separate piece of paper.

State of Iowa, County of Hardin, SS.

I, J. W. Scott, Clerk of County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that N. B. Carpenter, Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit was at the time of so doing a Notary Public in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 21 day of February, 1890

Clerk of the

District Court



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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

FOR
John Blair
Sub. Co. "No. 9" Iowa Can

AFFIDAVIT OF
Daniel F. Ellsworth
Eldora, Iowa

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 COUNTY OF Carroll } ss:
 In the matter of Claim No. 371499 of John Blain
Co. H. 9th Iowa Cav. Regt.

Personally came before me, a Natary Public in and for said
 County and State, Alfred Smith, aged 38 years,
 (Name in full.)
 whose post-office address is Cron Rapids
 (P. O. Address.)

County of Carroll State of Iowa, well known
 to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in
 relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

That - She has been
well acquainted with John Blain the
applicant - since July 1866. and that she
knows of her own knowledge that applicant
has been afflicted with Rheumatism
from July 1866 to the present time a
part of the time so badly affected that
he could not turn himself in bed &
that she has frequently waited on
him at such times.
and that he also has Chronic
diarrhea & Urinary troubles to such
an extent that he is disqualified
to perform manual labor

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(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE.)

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and *he* further says that *her* knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: *personal acquaintance + having administered to him at various times* and that *he* has no interest nor concern in this matter.

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(Two Persons.)

Signature of
Affiants.

Alice G. Smith,

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted *her* with its contents before *she* executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this *20* day of *Sept*, 188*9*

(Signature.)

J. D. Cooney
Notary Public

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State of _____, County of _____, SS.

I, _____, Clerk of County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit was at the time of so doing a _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 188_____

Clerk of the _____



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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

FOR
John Blair
Att. for "H" & "I" Iowa bar

AFFIDAVIT OF
Alice G. Smith,
Conn. Rapids Iowa

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Columbus Ind

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Iowa COUNTY OF Carroll SS.
 In the matter of claim #510,282 of Esther A Blair widow
of John Blair, late private Co. H⁹ Regt Iowa Cav.

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said
 County and State, Alice S. Smith, aged 36 years,
(Name in full.)
 whose post-office address is Caru Rapids
(P. O. Address.)
 County of Carroll State of Iowa, well known

to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I was personally acquainted with John Blair, late private Co. H⁹ 9th Iowa Cavalry from July 1866 up to the time of his death in March 1891 - During all the years that I knew him he was suffering with Rheumatism Chronic, Dropsy & Kidney trouble - By reason of above disabilities he was not able to perform manual labor one fourth of the time - a part of the time he was confined to his bed

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE.)

45 Cont. } Rheumatism Chn; Dropsy & Kidney trouble

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE)

and she further says that her knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: by living a neighbor to him during the time above stated and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

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(Two Persons.)

Signatures
of
Affiants.

Alice G. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 21st day of July, 1892

(Signature.)

Jno. Keator Notary Public

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before some Magistrate using a seal, or who has a certificate on file in the Pension Department, for general purposes. If before any officer not so identified, then the Clerk of Court must certify to his official character.

State of _____, County of _____, ss:

_____, Clerk of County Court in and for aforesaid

County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who hath signed his name

to the foregoing affidavit, was at the time of so doing a

_____, in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 189

[L. S.]

Clerk of the _____

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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Esther A. Blair and
of John Blair
vs. Co. of "9" Iowa Cav.

AFFIDAVIT OF
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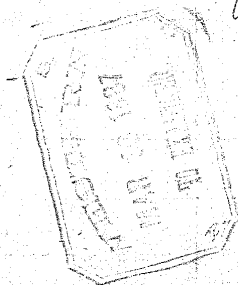
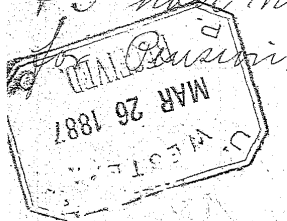
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Thomas. B. Ramsey & C. V. B. Smith both
 of Carroll County & State of Iowa being duly
 sworn according to Law. depose & say. we have
 been personally acquainted with John Blair (Late
 Private in Co. 9th Iowa Cavalry) for the the period
 of Eight years last past & know that during all
 this time he has suffered from ^{an} injury to breast—
 & by reason of said injury to breast he has not
 been able to perform manual ~~maximal~~ labor any
 more than one half the time. We consider the disability
 on account of injury to breast to be from one half
 to three fourths. T. B. Ramsey further says. I was
 private in Co. 4th Iowa Cavalry. & C. V. B. Smith
 says I was 2nd Lieut in Co. I. 35th Illinois Infantry
 and we have no interest in. T. B. Ramsey
 the prosecution of this claim for ~~himself~~ C, V, B, Smith

Subscribed & sworn to by. Thomas. B. Ramsey & C. V. B. Smith.
 before me this 19th day of March 1887 - I know
 Thomas. B. Ramsey & C. V. B. Smith are credible witnesses
 & I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.



John Healer
 Notary Public in & for
 Carroll Co Iowa

Dr J. H. Root of Carroll County & State of
 Iowa being duly sworn according to law depose
 & saye. I have been personally acquainted with
 John Blair for eighteen months last past & have
 personally examined him & find him suffering
 from an ununited fracture at the juncture of the
 lower with the middle third of the sternal causing
 a disability of one half to three fourths & I
 have no interest in the prosecution of this claim
 for Pension

Sworn

J. H. Root, M.D.

Subscribed & sworn to by J. H. Root a practicing
 Physician & surgeon of Coon Rapids Carroll
 County Iowa this 19th day of March 1887
 I certify that J. H. Root is entitled to credit &
 I have no interest in the prosecution of this
 claim for Pension

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John Healer
 Notary Public
 in & for Carroll
 Co Iowa

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I hereby certify that
on or about September
1867, I Lanced the right
side of the chest of
John Blair late of
the 9th Iowa Cavalry
Co H. He having a
large Abscess at that
time claiming that
it was the result of
a kick received by
a horse. While in
the line of duty. I
understand that is
you applying for
pension. I have
no interest direct or
indirect in prosecution
of same. Any person
Eldora Iowa

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Mr W. C. Brown, Wm Patterson & E. G. Merrill of Hardin
County & State of Iowa being duly sworn depose & say
they were personally acquainted with John Blair late
private Co 26 9th Iowa Cavalry for thirteen years
immediately after his discharge from the army in
February 1866. Know that on account of an injury
to breast he was incapacitated from performing
manual labor more than one half the time
during the thirteen years immediately after his
discharge we consider the disability on account
of injury to breast from one half to two thirds
and we have no interest in the prosecution of
the claim of John Blair for Pension

W. C. Brown
William Patterson
E. G. Merrill

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said
W. C. Brown, Wm Patterson & E. G. Merrill in my
presence and I hereby certify that the contents of
the same was fully made known to them
before signing and that I have no interest
in the prosecution of this claim

Witness my hand and seal of the District
Court this 18th day of May A.D. 1887

J. H. Wilson Clerk Dist Court
By J. W. Scott Deputy

State of Iowa. }
County of Hardin. } ss

I D. F. Ellsworth
a resident of Eldora, Hardin County, Iowa
do upon oath say that I am acquainted
with John Blair late of Co. "H" 9th Regt
Iowa, Cav. Vols. - now of Carroll County, Iowa
that I have known said Blair since he
was a small boy. - That at the time he
came out of the U.S. service in 1866, he was
suffering with an injury to his breast, said
to have been produced by a kick from a horse
while he was in said service. - That he has
in Hardin County, and near to me for about
15 years after he came out of the U.S. service
and during all that time and whenever I
have seen him since he suffered greatly
with said injury - to the extent in my opinion
of disabling two thirds for the performance
of manual labor.

That I have no interest in his claim
for pension in any way. - That I testify from
personal knowledge derived from observation.
That I am 73 years old and reside as
above stated.

D. F. Ellsworth

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to
before me by the above named D. F. Ellsworth
to me known to be reputable and entitled to
full credit. - Witness my hand and Notarial
Seal this 22nd day of May 1885.

Wm. Ward Notary Public

sent on file in Pension Office.

State of Iowa }
County of Hardin } ss.

In the matter of Pension
Claim no 207. 614. of John Blair late of
Co. "H" 9th Reg, Iowa Cav Vols.

I Samuel R Edgington of Eldora, Iowa
do upon oath say that I am now and
have been acquainted with said John
Blair for the 20 years last past, or ever
since he came out of the U.S. service.

That when he came out of the said service
in 1866 he was suffering from some injury to
his breast said to have been received in said
service, that he resided in this County &
near me for 15 or 16 years after he came
out of the said service and during all
that time he suffered greatly from
said injury. - That by reason of said injury he
was disabled for the performance of manual
labor more than one half in my judgment.

That I know the above facts from observa-
tion, seeing him often and hearing of him
and as to his condition. - I am not interested,

Samuel R Edgington
Late Lt Col 12th Regt Iowa Vols.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before
me by the said Samuel R Edgington to me known
to be reputable and entitled to full credit
Witness my hand and seal official this 22nd
day of May, 1885. Geo. W. Ward

Cert me file in Pension Office

John P. Public

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Dr. A. J. Taylor

State of Iowa
JUN 20 1885
OFFICE

Eldora June 1885

Sir

On Blair's return from the Army as near as I can say in 1864 or 5 I first met him

He seemed to be suffering from some injury in his breast or body and he Blair said it was an injury to his breast

He seemed to be suffering pain when he would turn or move his body

From the time I first met him on his return in 1864 or 5 until about 1878 I met him quite frequently during these years and I considered his disability to be to the extent of more than one half to perform manual labor

Yours S R Edgington

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STATE OF Iowa
 COUNTY OF Hardin } ss:
 In the matter of Leet Blair #371.499 of John Blair
Private Co "H" 9th Regt. Iowa Cav

Personally came before me, a Club of Dist Court in and for said
 County and State, Orlando M Ellsworth, aged 46 years,
(Name in full.)
 whose post-office address is Hubbard
(P. O. Address.)

County of Hardin State of Iowa, well known
 to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in
 relation to the aforesaid case, as follows:

I am well acquainted with claimant
I knew him before entering the service
and never knew of his being sick
until we were camped at Muralls
Bluffs Ark. in 1864 also again
at Washburn Ark. in fall and
winter of 1865 & 1866 also know
of his being sick in Cedar Ia
in 1866. I do not consider him
able to do any manual labor.
His sickness at Muralls Bluffs Ark
was Malaria fever and I consider
it the same at Washburn Ark
I have not been personally acquainted
with him since the fall of 1866.

Orlando M Ellsworth
Late Co H 9th Ia Cav
Address Hubbard Hardin Co
Iowa

~~[Signature]~~ [Signature]

and further says that knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz:

and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

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(2 persons.)

Signature of
Affiants.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 14 day of Sept, 1889
(Sign here.) J. W. Scott Clerk

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State of _____, County of _____, SS.

I, _____, Clerk of County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit was at the time of so doing a

in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 188_____

Clerk of the _____



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cert. no. 371499

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

Shoreline Claim

FOR

John Blair

Chas. C. K. 911 Iowa City

AFFIDAVIT OF

Islands M. Ellsworth

Hubbard Iowa.

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Columbus Ind.

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STATE OF Iowa
COUNTY OF Quinn } ss:

In the matter of Bert Blair #371 499 of John Blair
Private Co "H" 9th Regt Iowa Cav.

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said
County and State, Crock Robinson, aged 48 years,
(Name in full.)
whose post-office address is Quinn, Iowa (P. O. Address.)

County of Iowa State of Iowa, well known

to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case, as follows: That he was a private
of Co H 9th Iowa Cav, and was acquainted
with John Blair who was a private
in the said Co H 9th Regt Iowa
Cav. Was with the said Blair at Duval's
Bluff, Ark, and know that we had very bad
water, so bad that the said John Blair
from the use thereof contracted diarrhea,
and he then complained of trouble
with urinary organs, and towards
the end of the service complained
a great deal of rheumatism, so
much was he troubled therewith,
that he gave out in one half days
March, and was detained about
a week before he could join his
Command. That at Duval's
Bluff he was exposed to wet weather
and marching through swamps
and mud. That the water used
for cooking and drinking was the
water from the swamps, and the
cooking of green corn had to be
removed before dipping. That
prior to that time in the said Blair
was a strong healthy young
man uncompromising, but
soon after the said exposure he
the said Blair began to complain
of diarrhea, and kidney trouble, and
rheumatism about the close of service.

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE.)

and he further says that his knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: all known to him personally

and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

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(2 persons.)

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Affiants.

Enoch Moorman

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person, and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 13th day of May, 1889

Com on file in
Department

(Sign here.)

Chas. W. Carter, Notary Public
Butler County, Iowa

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State of _____, County of _____, 1889.

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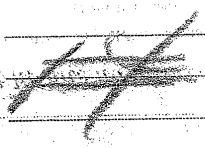
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STATE OF Iowa
 COUNTY OF Grundy } ss:
 In the matter of Claim #371-499 of John Blair
Private Co "H" 9th Regt Iowa Cav

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said
 County and State, William H Smith, aged 46 years,
 (Name in full.)
 whose post-office address is Conrad Grover
 (P. O. Address.)

County of Grundy State of Iowa, well known
 to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in
 relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

I was Sargent of
Co H 9th Iowa Cavalry and I
missed ^{and punctured} with applicant and while
at or near DuRalls Bluffs, Ark
on or about May 1864 he was
taken with Chronic diarrhoea
and disease of urinary organs
and rheumatism from which he
suffered a great deal and was
often excused from duty in
consequence - quite often for
a week or more at a time



28 (SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE.)
Origin Rheumatism & urinary organs

and I further says that *my* knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: *I was his mess and bunk mate during the spring and summer of 1864* and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

Attest—When any Affiant signs BY MARK.
(Two Persons.)

Signature of
Affiants.

William H. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted *him* with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this *21st* day of *February*, 188*0*

(Signature.)

H. H. Beaman
Notary Public

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT OR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a Justice, then Clerk of County Court must add his certificate of character on the back thereof, and not on a separate piece of paper.

State of *Iowa*, County of *Grundy*, SS.

I, *E. H. Allison*, Clerk of County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that *H. H. Beaman*, Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit was at the time of so doing a *Notary Public* in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this *22* day of *Febry*, 188*0*

E. H. Allison

Clerk of the *District Court*



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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

CASE OF
John Blair
FOR
Sub. Co. No. 91 Reg
Iowa, Car.

AFFIDAVIT OF
Wm. H. Smith
Conrad Grover, Iowa

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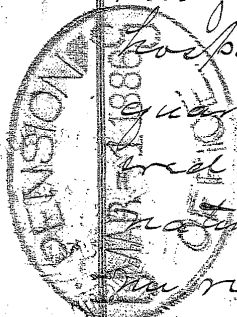
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John Blair Post

Co. H. 9th Iowa Cavalry



State of Michigan }
County of Calhoun }
On this 23^d day of
Feb. 1886 personally appeared before me a Notary
Public in and for said County and State E. L. Ho-
llocher who was an asst. Surgeon of the 12th
Regiment Michigan Inf. during the year of
1865 and who is now a resident of Athens
Calhoun County and State of Michigan.

That on or about September
16th 1865 at Washington Arkansas I treated
Private John Blair in Company No 9th
Iowa Cavalry for an injury to the breast
caused by the kick of a horse.

To the best of my knowledge I treated
him for several days in the regimental
hospital and for some time after in his own
quarters - At that time I believe I consid-
ered the injury to be of a very serious
nature - And further, if my memory serves
me right, he was not able to perform any
military duty while his commance was
with us at the above mentioned place which
covered several months - possibly three months
in all - Further, I have no knowledge of
the above mentioned Soldier, and that I have
no interest whatever in the prosecution of his
claim for a pension. My Post Office is Athens
Calhoun County State of Mich. Late Surgeon 12th Reg. Mich. Inf.

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East tin.
Dec. 1886, by J. J. J. J.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
twenty third day of February 1886 and
I hereby certify that the above signed is a
regular practicing physician of good
standing and entitled to credit, and
that I have no interest in the prosecution
of this claim.

Edward Meier
Notary Public
Calhoun County

Registered at Washington, ^{D.C.} and Detroit, Mich. Michigan

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State of Iowa }
County of Madison } 55

In the matter of Pension claim of
John Blair private Company "H" Ninth
Regt Iowa Cav Vol, personally came before
me a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid
County and State Benjamin S. Bouhauer
of Wacksburg County of Madison State of
Iowa, who being duly sworn declares he is
45 years of age that he is the identical
person who served as a 1st Lieutenant in
Company "H" 9th Regt Iowa Cav Vol and
knows the above soldier who was a
private in aforesaid company and Regt
That on or about the 15th day of Sept
1865 while in the line of duty and
without fault or improper conduct on his
part at or near Washington State of
Arkansas said soldier incurred an injury
by being kicked in the breast by a
horse. Said soldier was guarding the

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orders from his superior officers
 Affiant further states that said John
 Blair was not able to duty at any time
 during the time he remained in the service
 That he did not see said horse kick Blair
 but seen him (Blair) soon after he was kicked
 and know from personal knowledge of
 his disability from that time on

Said John Blair was a good soldier up
 to that time always ready and willing to
 do duty

Affiant further declares that he has no interest
 in this claim and makes the above statement from
 Personal knowledge. Affiant's Post Office address
 is Wackburg-Madison Co Iowa

Benjamin S. Bonham
 Late 1st Lieutenant Co H 9th Regt
 Iowa Cav Vol

DIVISION 13-091, No.

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Secretary.

I swear to and Subscribed before me this 11 day
of May 1885- and I hereby certify that the
contents of the foregoing affidavit were made known
to affiant before swearing thereto That the affiant
is to me well known and entitled to credit
and I further certify that I have no interest
direct or indirect in the prosecution of this
claim

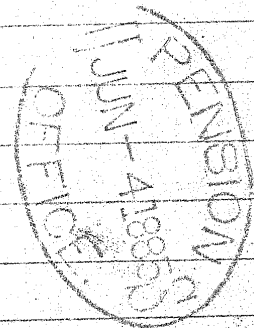
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Notary Public

A. G. Rust

March 30

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State of Iowa }
Hardin County } ss.

I, H. L. Graves, first being duly sworn on oath according to law, do make oath and say that I was a private in Company "H" Ninth Iowa Cavalry, enlisted on or about September 1863 and was mustered out at Davenport on or about February 1866.

That while serving as a private in said regiment I was and am acquainted with one John Blair, and know him to be the identical person who now makes this application for an Invalid's Pension.

That while stationed at Washington, Arkansas, on or about the 16th day of September 1865 said John Blair was kicked in the breast by a horse while on duty as a private in said regiment. That he was laid up about five months and was unable to do any duty all this time. That I saw him often during this time and know he was laid up from injury sustained by this kick aforesaid.

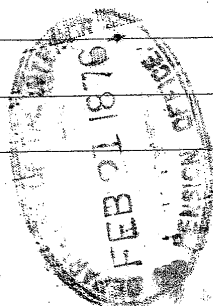
That I have known this said
 John Blair since his discharge
 that I have known him to
 be a temperate man in
 all respects, and that his
 injury grows worse upon
 him as he grows older.

W. L. Graves

Subscribed in my presence and
 sworn to before me by W. L. Graves
 this 8th day of February A.D. 1876.

J. L. Ginn
 Atty. Gen.

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A. G. Howard
 Atty.

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STATE OF Iowa
 COUNTY OF Carroll } ss:
 In the matter of Claim Cert # 371.499 of John Blair Private Co "76" 9" Iowa Cav

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said
 County and State, John Blair, aged _____ years,
 (Name in full.)
 whose post-office address is Corn Rapids
 (P. O. Address.)

County of Carroll State of Iowa, well known
 to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in
 relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

The reason I cannot furnish the evidence of Dr. Schainick who treated me when I first came out of the service is he died in 1877. Dr. G. K. Root of Corn Rapids Ia also treated me and he is dead I send the affidavit of Dr. Downs M.D.

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE.)

and he further says that his knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz: personal knowledge of death of Mrs J Schirrie & J K Roof - having tried to find & speak but failed to do so and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.

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(Two Persons.)

Signature of
Affiants.

John Blair

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 16 day of April, 1880

(Signature.)

Jud C. Cooney
Notary Public

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT OR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character on the back thereof, and not on a separate piece of paper.

State of _____, County of _____, SS.

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Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 188____

Clerk of the _____



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OK. No. 371,499 30/50

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

FOR John Blair

Sub. Co. "K" 9th Iowa, Cal.

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STATE OF Iowa }
COUNTY OF Carroll } ss:
In the matter of Cert. # 371.499 of John Blair
Private Co. "76" 9 da. Vets.

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said
County and State, John Blair, aged 46 years,
(whose name in full is)
whose post-office address is Coon Rapids
(P. O. Address)

County of Carroll State of Iowa, well known
to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in
relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

He is claimant
above named and is unable
to furnish further evidence on
diarrhoea, disease of urinary organs
and rheumatism for the
reason that all of his witnesses
are either dead or moved away
and prays your Hon. Department
to adjudicate my claim on
evidence already on file.

(SIGN ON THE OTHER SIDE.)

~~and further says that knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources, viz:~~

~~and that he has no interest nor concern in this matter.~~

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(Two Persons.)

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Signature of
Affiants.

John Blair

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in this case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal, this *7th* day of *October*, 18*90*

(Signature.) *Le E Morris Notary Public*
in and for Carroll County Iowa

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State of _____, County of _____, SS.

I, _____, Clerk of County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit was at the time of so doing a _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 18*90*

Clerk of the _____



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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

FOR
John Blair
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Damages

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Marion G. Fisher
Columbus, Ind.

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I John Blair of Carroll County & State of Iowa being duly sworn say I am the identical John Blair who was a private in Co B 9th Iowa Cavalry that while on stable guard at Washington Arkansas on September 15th 1865 in line of duty & without fault I was kicked in the breast by a horse - The only person who saw me receive said kick was William Smith of my Co & Regiment that William Smith above named died about one year ago in Hardin Co State of Iowa - I was treated for injury to breast caused by kick of horse September 15th 1865 by ^{assistant} Surgeon of 12th Mich Infantry - By reason of said kick I was rendered unfit for Military duty from September 15th 1865 until my discharge from the army in February 3rd 1866 - by reason of said injury to breast caused by kick of said horse I have been disabled since my discharge from the army in Feb 3rd 1866 until the present time to such an extent as to render me unfit to perform manual labor more than half the time my no of claim is 207.614

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 24th day of October 1885 I certify

that John Blair is entitled to credit
and that I have no interest in
the prosecution of this claim for
a Pension.

Geo Cooney
Nathan Phillips
Carroll Co Iowa

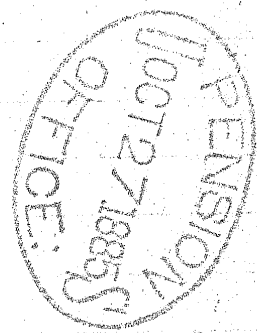
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John Blair

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W. J. Blair
at the same time
as the same time
as the same time



Person
Dec 20, 1864

I John Blair first being duly sworn says
I am the identical John Blair who was a Private
in Co. G 9th Iowa Cavalry and that during September
1865- while on stable guard I was kicked in the breast
by a horse - said injury was received near
Washington Arkansas - And from that
time until my discharge from the U.S. Service
in July 1866 - I was unable to do military
duty by reason of said injury received
from said kick - Ever since my
discharge from the service in July 1866
until the present time I have suffered
to such an extent by reason of said kick
as to render me unfit to perform manual
labor more than half the time

I was treated for said kick while in
the service by surgeon of the 10th Michigan
Infantry I am unable to find him
the Physician that attended me for said
kick since my discharge is dead
I reside at present near Coon Rapids
Carroll County Iowa John Blair

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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before
me by the said John Blair to and known to be real
and entitled to full credit. Witness my
hand and Notarial seal this 28th day of
May A.D. 1885

[Signature]
Notary Public
in and for Carroll Co. Ia

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Inda.
County of Carroll } ss.

In the matter of the claim for Pension of John Blair
late of Co. H. 9 Ia. Cav.
(Character of Claim.)
(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier.)

Personally came before me, a _____ in and for the
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)
County and State, aforesaid, John Blair. P. O. address
(Here write the name of the Affiant, or of each Affiant, together with the Post-Office address.)
is Copu Rapids Iowa,

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

I am claimant in above described case.
The disability for which I claim Pension
is injury from the kick of a horse by which
my breast bone was broken. I was on stable
duty at the time at Washington Arkansas
I was sent to the Hospital of the 10th Michigan
Infantry, was treated by the Surgeon there about
two months.

I was injured as above described on the 16th day
September 1865 & was sent to Hospital as
above stated the same day and remained there
about two months & returned to the Regiment
and remained with my Regiment until my
discharge from the Service and was wholly
unable to perform any duty from date of
injury until my discharge. That is to
February 11th 1866.

~~further declare that~~ no interest in said claim, and ~~not~~
~~concerned in its prosecution.~~

If either affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their
names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 [Signature] (Name of one witness to X mark.)
2 _____ (Name of other witness to X mark.)

Signature of
Affiant, or of
each Affiant.

John Blair

(SEE THE OTHER SIDE.)

(FROM THE OTHER SIDE.)

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 15th day of September
1882, at Carroll, in the county of Carroll State of
Iowa and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully
made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

erased and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

added; that the affiant is to me well known and is apparently respectable and worthy of
(Is or Are.) (Is or Are.)
full credit; and I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.



Wm. Lynch Jr.
(Name of Officer before whom executed.)

Clerk of the District Court Carroll Co. Iowa.
(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

NOTE. THE OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS AFFIDAVIT IS EXECUTED, MUST NOTE IN HIS CERTIFICATE ALL ERASURES AND INTERLINATIONS AS INDICATED ABOVE.

~~NOTE. - If this paper is executed before a Notary Public, having the official seal, or Justice of the Peace, the certificate of the Clerk of a Court of Record MUST be added or attached, certifying that the Notary or Justice had authority to act as such; if executed before an officer having an official seal, no other certificate is required.~~

Execute this before the clerk of the Court or officer who has custody of the seal

No 207614

CASE OF

John Blair

Wm. Lynch Jr.

NOT FOR
JULY 4 1882

AFFIDAVIT OF

Carroll

FILED BY

MILO B. STEVENS & CO.,
PENSION ATTORNEYS.

Chicago

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

#207,614.

Washington, *Meck.* 21, 1887

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

_____, a _____ of Company _____,

Regiment _____ Volunteers, was enrolled on the

day of _____, 186____, at _____,

and is reported:

Name John Blair not borne
on Regt. Hospital records of the
12th Meck. Inf. on file in this office, at
time specified

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R. C. DRUM,

Adjutant General.

By

[Signature]

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The State of Iowa } 85

Hardin County }

This is to Certify that on this 24th
day of March A D 1870 at the
Residence of Leorus Leann in
Providenced Township Hardin
County and State of Iowa
Mr John Blair and Miss Esther
A State Mer by me joined in
the bonds of Matrimony

Given under my hand this
24th day of March A D 1870

A M Mulford

Justice of the Peace

I Certify this is a True Copy of
the Original Marriage Certificate

Rufus B. Tucker

Notary Public

in and for Carroll Co Ia

George

Claim of Esther A. Blair. Wid. Ctr. No. 344,886.

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K.N.
SPECIAL EXAMINATION
DIVISION.

W. W. R.

Western District.

W. A. J.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2, 1899.

Mr. Chas. H. Cassavant,

Special Examiner,

Waterloo, Iowa.

Sir:

Herewith are returned to you the papers in claim Ctf. No. 344,885, of Esther A. Blair, widow of John Blair, late private Co. H, 9th Iowa Vol. Cav., to complete the examination in your district including Story Co., Iowa, a recent addition thereto.

Original affiants Wm. Patterson, John Lytle, Philip Shintaffer and Dr. Myron Underwood, appear to be residents of your district and were not accounted for in your report of January 10, 1899.

Although their affidavits do not bear directly upon the points at issue they appear to have known the soldier well for a number of years and to have been in a position to know the facts relative to the alleged new disabilities. You will therefore secure the depositions of said affiants or account for the absence of same.

In your summary of January 10, 1899 you recommend further examination for the testimony of Orlando M. Ellsworth, Burlington, Boone Co., Iowa, whereas there is no such post office in Boone Co., Iowa and the records of this Bureau show said witness' address as Burlington, Boone Co., Arkansas. Greater care should have

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been exercised in making your references and the Bureau saved the delay and labor necessary to correct such errors.

This case is not returned to you in this instance with a charge of "faulty work" but carries with it a "criticism" which has been recorded for consideration in determining your efficiency.

Take up and dispose of this case as of the date originally received by you, making this letter an exhibit of your report.

Very respectfully,



Acting Commissioner.

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Wid.Cert.344,885.
 Claimant, Esther A.Blair, widow of
 Soldier, John Blair,
 Pvt.Co.H, 9th Iowa Vol.Cav.
 P.O.address, Coon Rapids, Carroll
 Co., Iowa.

Waterloo, Iowa, May 11, 1899.

Sir:-

I have the honor to return all the papers in the above-cited claim, with the following report thereon:

Claimant now pensioned under act of June, 1890; and seeks to establish widow's claim under the general law and also to complete invalid claim for new disabilities rheumatism, chronic diarrhoea, disease of urinary organs and G.S.W.both hips.

I had previously had this case for investigation. It was returned to me for further investigation in compliance with the attached Bureau letter.

Dr.Myron Underwood (B.J.40) and Philip Shintafer and John Lytle (B.J.34) are dead. The latter is father of claimant. Inasmuch as the testimony of neither had bearing on the points at issue I did not think it necessary in my former summary to account for them.

Because of the notation "too far?" opposite my explanation for not seeing John Crosser before, I took a forty mile drive for that purpose. It will be seen that he was in Colorado until the fall of 1867, as I had satisfied myself by brother and sister of soldier.

I learned of another John Lytle, and took his deposition. He is distantly related. Charles Lytle, familiarly known as "Whiskey Charley," is now in charge of a stallion, travelling from house to house through the country, soliciting business. He was in Eldora last Saturday on a spree. I drove to the home of the owner of the horse, but he had no knowledge of his whereabouts. He is guided in his movements by such bargains as he may make in meeting farmers on the road. Unreliable if found.

J.King, a comrade cited, throws no light on soldiers ailments in the war or afterward. He has been county treasurer and deals with farmers from all sections in his grain and lumber business, but has no recollection of the Keppells of Appleton cited as witnesses to continuance while soldier lived at Nevada in 1880-2. Nor does the postmaster, an ex-sheriff or a county auditor from whom I sought information.

I cannot believe in the merit of the claims for new disabilities with the possible exception of disease of kidneys. Soldier was not honest in the prosecution of his claim; note B.J.6 and 7, in which he falsely alleged that the only man who saw him kicked by the horse was dead. In his deposition taken by me the William H.Smith referred to swears he was not an eye-witness. The alleged G.S.W.of hips is mythical, too; none of his relatives know anything of it.

I believe all sources of information have been exhausted covering condition during his residence in Hardin county. The testimony of Joseph Blair, Eliza Crosser and Thomas Walton in my former report is all we have of value. It indicates possible merit in claim that the fatal kidney disease originated in the army service though all refer to his condition of back as result of the injury for which pensioned.

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I recommend further examination as to origin as follows:
 Enoch Moorman, Linden, Dallas Co., Iowa (B.J.30).
 Orlando M. Ellsworth, Burlington, Boone Co., Ark. (B.J.32; also
 continuance).

Benjamin S. Bonham, Macksburg, Madison Co., Iowa.
 Marcelon E. Black, 3900 State st., Chicago, Cook Co., Ill. (reply).
 W.F. Husted, Murray, Clarke Co., Iowa (see reply).

Continuance:

Cyrus Carr and wife, Lacrosse, Ruch Co., Kans.

--- Berry, Jewell City, Jewell Co., Kans.

--- Plum, " " "

Frank Gleason, " " "

Young doctor, " " "

Alfred Blair and wife, Burwell, Garfield Co., Nebr.

Dr. Justus Garst, Worcester, Worcester Co., Mass.

Very respectfully,

C.H. Casavant

Special Examiner.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,
 Washington, D.C.

I regret much the occasion for criticism given by my carelessness in citing the address of the witness referred to in Bureau letter.
 C.H.C.

DEPOSITION

Case of Esther A. Blair, No. Wet. 344,885

On this 9th day of May, 1897, at
Nevada, county of Storey
 State of Iowa, before me, Chas. Cassavant, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Jay A. King, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 53 years of age; my post-office address is as above;
 I am a grain & lumber dealer.

I served as private, corporal & sergeant of Co. H, 9th
 Iowa Vol. Cav., from Sept. 19, 1863, to Feb. 3, 1865. I had
 no other service.

I knew soldier John Blair, for a year or two prior to
 our enlistment. His health was then good, apparently. We were
 rigidly examined at enlistment; at least, I was.

I have no clear recollection of his disabilities in the ser-
 vice. I did not bunk or mess with him.

I have an impression he was sick and off duty at
 Washington, Ark., from July or August, 1865 until our discharge.
 I am sure he was, but do not know what extent or from what dis-
 ability I could not say. Malarial fever was very preva-
 lent in the company.

And at Dorell's Bluff, Ark., in the summer of 1864,
 he was also sick, as I remember it. I can say what ailed
 him there.

I have no recollection that he was shot as he alleges
 at Dorell's Bluff, Ark., in July, 1864. Nor that he suffered
 there or at any other time or place from chronic diarrhoea,
 disease of urinary organs, inflammation or malarial poisoning.
 I do not recollect the circumstance of his being kicked
 by a horse when at Washington, Ark.

After our discharge I saw little or nothing of him
 for several years, until he moved here to Nevada in
 the early 80's. He was here a couple of years or so,
 and I talked to him occasionally. He was not in good
 health then, and I think his complaints were of the

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ing to his breast, or of trouble or distress there. I don't recollect complaints of anything else. My memory is not at all clear as to his condition then. I was not at all intimate with him, though we met casually and spoke.

I do not recollect the Kippell's or Appleton to whom claimant refers as neighbors while here. I know of no persons of that name now living hereabouts.

When he was living here he was evidently in poor health. He was not strong & well, but from what ailments he suffered I cannot say.

I am not related nor interested in this claim, the answers are correctly recorded.

Jay A King

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of Aug, 1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

[Signature]

Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Esther A. Blair, No. W. Off. 344, 885

On this 10th day of May, 1897, at
4 m. NW Cottage, county of Hardin
 State of Iowa, before me, McCasland, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
John Crosser, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 55 years of age; my post-office address is Cottage,
Hardin Co., Iowa; occupation, farmer.

I lived neighbor to John Blair from 1861 until
 he enlisted. He was then stout and rugged. I know of
 nothing that then ailed him.

In 1864 I went to Colorado and stayed until the fall
 of 1867, except for some four months in the spring of 1868.

After my return I saw him almost daily. His wife is
 his cousin. He was in poor health; quite broken as com-
 pared to his condition before the war.

He complained and said he was not well, but I could
 not tell that he had any physical disability. He walked
 a little best now; did not stand up well; and he told me
 that injured his health being home in the army. Yes, it
 does seem to me he told me of being kicked by a horse,
 but I don't know that he was showing it.

I don't remember that he ever had a
 doctor. I do not recollect that he had chronic diarrhoea,
 rheumatism or kidney disease. I do remember that he
 walked lame. I never heard that he had been shot.

He soon after moved down near Des Moines some-
 where, and I have seen him but once since; shortly before
 he died. He came here on a visit. I never knew the
 cause of his death.

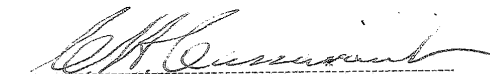
I am not interested in this claim; and my
 answers are correctly recorded.

John Crosser

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of May,
1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.



Special Examiner.

3-446.

DEPOSITION

Case of Ester A. Blair, No. Off. 344, 885

On this 1st day of May, 1897, at
5 m. S.W. Eldon, county of Hardin
 State of Iowa, before me, E. H. Kessner, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
William Patterson, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 74 years of age; my post-office address is Eldon,
Hardin Co., Iowa; occupation, retired farmer.

I knew William, John Blair, from the time he was a
 small boy. Before William he was a trapping, hunting
 young man. I knew of nothing that then afflicted him.

After the war he lived in the southern part of the
 county and I only saw him perhaps half a dozen times. He
 looked to be in poor health. I do not know of any time
 in particular that afflicted him. He was thin and gaunt.

I don't recollect hearing that he was picked by a
 horse ^{or} being shot in the service. Have no recollection
 that he complained of having diarrhoea, kidney disease
 or rheumatism soon after his discharge.

Some 15 years after the war, or thereabouts, I saw him
 and he was bent over, and put his hands on his sides or
 hips and complained of internal pains. He told me
 he suffered from chronic diarrhoea. That was a year
 or two before his death.

Prior to that I knew of no particular disability; but
 I had heard his brother and sister say that he came
 home from the war broken down in health, and re-
 mained so until his death; and I believe that is true
 from what I saw of his condition with my own eyes.

I am not related; nor interested in this claim.

My answers are correctly recorded.

William Patterson

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of May,
1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

(Handwritten signature of E. H. Bennett)

Special Examiner.

3-446.

DEPOSITION

Case of Esther A. Blinn, No. W. Off 344,885

On this 10th day of May, 1897, at
W. Off. Clifton, county of Hardin
 State of Tenn., before me, W. H. Cresswell, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
John Layton, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 consider truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 58 years of age; my post-office address is Clifton,
Hardin Co., Tenn. occupation farmer.

I knew John Blinn, for some years before he
 enlisted. His health was then good, apparently. I know
 of nothing that wiled him.

After his discharge he lived 1 1/2 miles from my place
 for about a year. I did not neighbor with him and
 saw but little of him.

His health was not very good, I think; and he was
 complaining of something. But there is no specific dis-
 ability to which I could testify.

No, I have no knowledge that he had malarial poisoning,
 typhoid, rheumatism, or other disease. Don't remember
 hearing that he had been kicked by a horse or had been
 shot.

I am not related, nor interested in this claim.
 My answers are correctly recorded.

John H. Layton
 Deponent

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of May,
1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

E. H. Cassman

Special Examiner.

Wm MAY 18^{13-150.1} 1899 WEST DIST.
S. E. D.

Wid. Ctf. No. 344,885.
Claimant: Esther A. Blair.
Soldier: John Blair.
P. O. address: Coon Rapids,
County: Carroll State: Iowa.
Recommendation: Further exam.

Chas. H. Cassavant.
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

_____, 189...

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

_____, 189...

Reviewer.

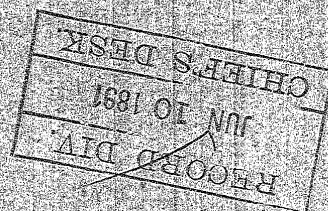
ACTION.

May 22, 1899
To Boone Co Ark
Original & certificate -
See summary AB-2

Chas. H. Cassavant
Commissioner.

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Esther A. Blair
widow of
John Blair
H. 9 Iowa Co.



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Exr.

No.

Wid. *Off. No. 347885*
Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873

Esther A. Blair
Boon Rapids, Carroll Co.
Widow La.

John Blair.
So B. 9 Iowa Car.
Died at *Boon Rapids, La.*

Mar. 2. 91. Dis.
no other claim. itaw
Inv Bt. 371, 499. &
Wid. New Lear

May 8, 1891. *P*
Clerk.

6/24/91

Application filed: *Apr. 24, 1891.*

Attorney: *Manning & Blisher.*

P. O. *Columbus*

Ind

IND. *Aug. 1896. Ch.*

ILL. *full clinical history*
Goldie's fatal illness
IOWA. *immediate & remote cause*
of death by attending
physician. Medical
absence of treatment
derived from discharge

To 1886, of fatal character
WIS. *disease of kidneys. Ch.*
MINN. *returned. Continuation*
circulation to Wets, Merrill,
NEBR. *J. Ellsworth, former, Bailey*
KANS. *F. Smith. 11-12-1886.*

NEV. *Ch.*
COLO. *Ch. returned Oct 21/97*

CAL. *Dec. 18/91. 90ms. b.*
OREGON. *for Feb. Ch.*

IND. TY.

N. MEX.

DAKOTA.

WASH.

UTAH.

No.

EX-1.
 Vacated No. ~~578665~~

Act of June 27, 1890.

Esther A. Blair
 Coon Rapids, Carroll Co., Ia.

Wid.
 John Blair
 Co. 9 Ia. Cav.

Died at Mar. 2, 1891

No other claim. ~~Shaw~~
 Inv. of 371499. &
 Wid. Gen. Leaw
 May 11, 1891. S.

Numerical No. ~~578665~~ Clerk.

Application filed: Apr. 24, 1891.
 Attorney: Maring & Slusher,
 P. O. Columbus, Ind.

L. D.

DEPOSITION *A*Case of *Edith A. Blain*, No. *344,885*.

On this *2nd* day of *March*, 1899, at
Whittier, county of *Los Angeles*,
 State of *Cal*, before me, *S. B. Patch*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Dr Cyrus J. Coon, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *49* years of age; my post-office address is *Whittier, Cal.*
 I am a physician. I resided at *New Providence*,
Hardin Co. La. from *March 1878* until *1884*.
 I remember *John Blain* distinctly. I resided at
New Providence a young physician, and *John*
Blain was the first patient I ever treated.
 I have not my books now and can't give the date,
 but I was called to him within a week. He was
 suffering with inflammation, rheumatism,
 both neck at first and afterwards both
 shoulders. These were the only joints
 affected. These were the only joints
 affected that I can remember. He became
 very bad and was unable to move him-
 self. I think he was sick about 3 or 4 weeks,
 not far from that. He never had an in-
 flammation attack after that. But his joints
 continued to be affected in damp weather
 as long as I knew anything of him and
 I prescribed for that trouble quite frequently.
 I could not say how often, more or less
 every year though. It was a source of
 considerable disability to him. He was
 a sort of good for nothing man in some
 ways, but I used to pity him, for he worked
 when he ought not to have been compelled
 to. He used to have trouble with his
 lungs and I have been trying to cure
 what it was. I prescribed for a cough frequently

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but I can't remember whether he had a pneumonia or not. The rheumatic trouble was a greater source of trouble than the too not strong. He worked when he was able and was quite willing to do so. He helped me sometimes, but he frequently was laid up and unable to work. I can't state what proportion of the time, but this was more or less so all the time I knew him. I can't think of no other trouble. He had his arm fractured once in some way. I can't recall how. One of the bones of the right arm was fractured and it troubled him for some time. I can't think of anything else I was treated him for.

- Q Can you recall any urinary disorder.
 A I was just thinking of that. He used to complain with his back and he thought he had kidney trouble, but I remember ^{no} any treatment. It is very probable I gave him some treatment for it. But I don't remember it. He was quite a fellow to take medicine for his ailments. I heard him complain of this trouble frequently, and I think he talked of applying for a pension for that trouble. I don't remember that he was called on me for a statement. All I can remember of urinary disorder is the complaint of his back and his own impression that it was his kidneys. I always had the impression it was

George

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of May, 1894 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

S. C. Pacey

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *of*Case of *Esther Klein*, No. *344880-*

On this _____ day of _____, 189____, at _____, county of _____, State of _____, before me, _____, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared _____

Dr. George J. Cook, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am _____ years of age; my post-office address is _____
more rheumatic, but I can't say that was the case. I think I was analyzed the time. I think his heart was affected heart was affected, during the first attack of rheumatism and I apprehended danger from it. But I don't recollect any subsequent trouble with the heart, only intermissions in the pulse. I don't think I ever examined the heart with the stethoscope after the acute attack. I think the valves were affected during the attack of inflammatory rheumatism. I much remember chronic valvular trouble or chronic diasthosa. He remembers, as I have stated, that he complained of his breath, and I think he took cold easily. I prescribed frequently for a cough. I don't remember that the cough was habitual. I am quite sure it wasn't, but he took cold easily and then he would cough. His lungs were weak. I remember nothing of his calling my attention to a gunshot wound of the hip. They say there long before I did. But I could not tell you. My books were left with my friend J. C. Cook, of New Providence, and it is possible he has them yet, but they

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to avoid showing anything more than late
of treatment.

Dr. Jessup, my father-in-law, had been their
family phys. before I went there, and he
visited him a time or two while I
was treating the first attack of rheumatism.
Dr. Jessup is dead. I don't know of any
other physicians treating him.
I don't think Blair was a dissipated
man. I did not know he was dead.

He had a blanched skin - more a heavily glazed
and I doubt if he did a deep ~~work~~ while
I knew him when he was not in pain. He
was not a grumbler and was cheerful. When
he could do anything he got out and did it.
I have heard a statement of the cause, but
I am unable to recall any further
particulars. I can't remember whether
there was a history of rheumatism prior
to my first treatment. I think he thought
his urinary trouble developed in the
stroke.

I have read the foregoing read and my
answers are correctly recorded.

J. C. Cook.
Deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of May,
1894, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

J. C. Bailey

Special Examiner.

Wm
APR 6 1899 (3-450.)

S. E. D.

No. C 344 880
 Claimant: Further Black
 Soldier: John Black
 P. O. address: Coon Rapids
 County: Cass State: Ia.
 Recommendation: Further Ex

A. C. Ralch
 Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

_____, 189____

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

_____, 189____

Reviewer.

ACTION.

May 2, 1899
To Story & Meridian Cos
Iowa - meritor as per
letter -

J. L. Davenport

Acting Commissioner.

#344,885-

Esther Blair

widow of

Joan Blair,

Co. H. 9. Ia. Vol. Cav.

Deceased at June 27, 1890.

#344,899-

Invalid, General Law,

#6, Injury of breast from
kick of horse and malarial
poisoning, Deceased to
allow at #7, at June 27, 1890.

PendingWidow's, General Law

Death from dis. of Kidneys

Invalid, General Law,

Ch. diarrhoea, rheumatism

and dis. of urinary organs.

General Law, except legalstatus of widow.

Los Angeles, Cal.

Mch. 30th. 1899.

Hon. H. Clay Coates,

Commissioner &c.

Sir;

I have the honor to submit my
report in the above case which
came to me for the testimony of
Wm Cyrus J. Cook & Thirties, as

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to treatment since discharge.
The case was taken up when
at Whites in another case.
St. Cook is an intelligent gentle-
man of good standing. He
recalled the soldier at once,
as he was the first patient he
ever treated, giving Mch. 1875.
as the date. His statement before
me may be relied upon as
nearly the truth so far as he
commits himself definitely.
Upon the whole his testimony
strengthens the case which
may possess merit.

I recommend further exam-
ination as to origin:—

- Ex 12. B. J. H. T. Tracer, Eldora, Howard Co. Ia.
- 13- B. J. S. Boulton, Mackburg, Madison "
- 30 Enoch Moorhead, Linden Dallas " "

Very respectfully,

J. C. Balch,
Sp. Examiner

Claim of Esther Blain

No. 344,885

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DEPOSITION

Case of Esther A. Blair, No. W. 344,885

On this 4th day of January, 1897, at
Conrad, county of Grundy
 State of Iowa, before me, Chas. C. Cressant, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

William H. Smith, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 54 years of age; my post-office address is Conrad,
Grundy Co., Iowa; occupation, farmer.

I served as private, corporal + sergeant of Co. H, 9th
 Iowa Vol. Inf. I enlisted Oct. 8, 1863; discharged in January
 1866. I had no other service.

I knew soldier John Blair, for some eight years
 prior to our enlistment. He was then sound and well,
 apparently. I knew of nothing that then ailed him.

I bunked and messed with him during the ser-
 vice. He was not my regular bunkmate, but in the latter
 part of 1865 we bunked together. No, I did not bunk
 with him at Dewart's Bluff, Ark., in 1864.

The only disability I recollect him to have suffered
 from in the service was chills + fever, contracted in the
 Red River bottom in Arkansas, in the fall of 1865. Prior
 to that he had been all right, as far as I remember.

He was also injured in some way by his horse falling
 on him or kicking him. He seemed to be injured internally;
 he didn't breathe right after it, and I think his lungs were
 affected. I cannot fix time + place of this accident.

I do not recollect that he went to a hospital; we
 were not where we could get to one.

I never knew of his having a G.D.W. No, I have no
 recollection that he had rheumatism, or kidney disease or
 other urinary trouble.

I presume he did have chronic diabetes; we all
 had it, and I think I am perfectly safe in saying he did
 also. We had it very badly when camped near Little
 Rock, Ark., in the fall of 1864. No, I cannot swear that

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I know of his having diarrhoea of my own observation.

I do not recollect that his back was particularly weak. He walked rather "humped up" at the close of the service, but I attributed that to the injury I spoke of.

Hearing soldier's declarations read does not further refresh my memory as to the disabilities he alleges. He must be mistaken when he alleges in B. P. 6 that I saw him kicked by a horse. There was no other William Smith in my company.

The foregoing is a correct statement.

Q. How did you come make affidavit in this claim so much at variance with the present deposition? (B. P. 28 read).

A. That I cannot explain. I cannot now call to mind his having rheumatism or disease of urinary organs in the service; nor chronic diarrhoea with any definiteness.

I never saw soldier after our discharge but once, on which occasion he stayed all night with me and I gave him the affidavit in question.

I am not related to claimant and have no interest in this claim.

My answers are correctly recorded.

W. H. Smith

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

C. H. Cassavant

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION BCase of Esther A. Blair, No. W. Off. 344,885

On this 11th day of November, 1898, at
New Providence, county of Hardin
 State of Iowa, before me, C. H. Cassavant, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Joseph Blair, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 50 years of age; my post-office address is New Provi-
dence, Hardin Co., Iowa; occupation farmer.

I am a brother of soldier John Blair. We lived in the
 same family prior to his enlistment; and after his discharge until
 he married in 1870. After his marriage I saw him every month
 or so until he moved away about 1880.

Prior to his enlistment he was stout and healthy. He
 had a run of typhoid fever when he was 16 or 17 years old, but it
 left him with no permanent ill effects.

He never was very stout after he came out of the service.
 He had chills + fever that first summer after discharge. Dr. Cook
 treated him. He went to California.

Soldier had some trouble with his back. He was troubled
 with that from discharge as long as he lived. Soldier and
 Dr. Cook both said it was the result of kick from a horse re-
 ceived in the army. I don't know when or where this injury was
 received. The doctor, Dr. Cook, said his kidneys were diseased
 and I understood that was what caused his death.

He was obliged to urinate frequently, - as often as six or
 seven times a night some times.

I do not remember that he had been shot. I think he
 had a scar of a sabre wound on one arm, but it did not
 inconvenience him.

I do not recollect any other disability from which he
 suffered right after discharge.

He had rheumatism later. After he was married while
 he had an attack that laid him up for some time; that is
 the first severe attack I know him to have. He had previously
 complained some of rheumatic pains. It seemed to affect him

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all over and his joints swelled; that was after the attack above spoken of.

I do not recollect of his having chronic diarrhoea.

He never did much to amount to anything after he came ^{out} of the army. I should say he was fully one-half disabled for manual labor.

His principal trouble seemed to be with his back and kidneys.

I have no interest in this claim.

My answers are correctly recorded.

Joseph Blair

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of November, 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

C. H. Casavant

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Esther A. Blair, No. Wid. Cl. 344,885

On this 15th day of October, 1898, at
Lawn Hill, county of Hardin
 State of Iowa, before me, C. H. Carravant, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Eliza Croser, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: That her
 age is 47 years; post-office address, Lawn Hill,

Hardin Co., Iowa; occupation, farmer's wife.

I am the wife of Robert Croser and the sister of
 soldier, John Blair. Before his enlistment & up to his
 marriage in 1870 he lived in the same family with me.
 After he married he lived on the adjoining farm for a year,
 and then for several years eight miles distant; during which
 period I saw him several times each year.

Prior to his enlistment he was sound and healthy.
 I never knew him to be sick or that anything ailed him.
 During his service we knew of his being sick. For one thing he
 was kicked by a horse in the stomach or side, I don't remember
 where he was at the time. He never had his health after
 that.

When he got home he was run down and sick.
 Was not confined to his bed for any length of time,
 but was "up and down" for awhile. The principal
 trouble was the results of the kick. He did not have a
 doctor.

He had a good deal of trouble with his kidneys, and our
 understanding was that it was a result of the kick above
 mentioned. I don't know the character of the urinary dis-
 charges. I remember he used to get up frequently at night
 to make water. I never noticed whether the chamber he
 used contained a sediment or not.

I don't remember anything else that ailed him. No,
 I don't recollect that he had been shot, nor that he had
 chronic diarrhoea, or lung trouble or other affection of the
 chest. Some two or three years after his discharge he

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had fever and ague; had it all that summer, off and on. Dr. Underwood used to treat him. He is dead. Soldier used to go to him for remedies. We lived about 1 1/2 miles from the river.

After soldier had been married he had an attack of rheumatism that confined him to his bed for over a month. He had been working in the woods, and one morning was taken suddenly. I think it was regular inflammatory rheumatism. I never knew him to have it before. I think Dr. Cook treated him. After that he had slight attacks of rheumatism.

I am satisfied soldier had kidney disease from the time he left the army until he died. I heard complaints when he was in our family and after his marriage until he left here about 1896; after that I did not see much of him.

I understood he died from this disease in March, 1898. Kidney trouble is the only disability I remember him to have had continuously from discharge until he left here.

I have no recollection of his having or complaining of chronic diarrhea.

After his discharge he did little work until the following spring. He would have spells of this kidney trouble about every month that laid him up for a few days at a time. His back was stiff and when seated in a chair he could hardly get up at times.

I never testified in this claim before. I have no interest in its prosecution.

My answers are correctly recorded.

Ehja Brewer

Deponent.

Subscribed to and subscribed before me this 15 day of October, 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

W. H. Cassavant

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *D*Case of *Esther A. Blair*, No. *W. Off. 344,885*

On this *10th* day of *November*, 1898, at
New Providence, county of *Hardin*
 State of *Iowa*, before me, *Chas. H. Cassavant*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Thomas Walton, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *50* years of age; my post-office address is *New Providence, Hardin Co, Iowa*; occupation, *farmer*.

I knew soldier, *John Blair*, from the time I came
 here in 1867 until he moved away about ten years later.
 He worked off and on for me during that period, and I
 saw him frequently.

Q. What was the condition of his health?

A. He was badly crippled with his back. He had trouble
 with it during all the time I knew him. I don't know
 the cause of the trouble, but I think *George Penn*, for whom
 he worked a good deal, said it was disease of the kidneys.
Penn was something of a doctor. He moved out west some
 years ago & I have lost track of him.

I never heard claimant allege this back trouble
 was due to the kick of a horse; or even that it was
 incurred in the service.

He had several attacks each year of the trouble with
 his back, and was at times bed fast; at others went about
 bent over. In fact, he was lame in his back, perceptibly
 so, more often than otherwise.

I know of no other disability from which he suffered.
 Have no knowledge that he had been wounded; or that he
 had chronic diarrhea, rheumatism or any derangement of
 his urinary organs.

I am not related to claimant except distantly by
 marriage & have no interest in this claim.

My answers are correctly recorded.

Thomas Walton
 Deposition.

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of November,
1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

C. H. Casavant

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION ⁶Case of Esther A. Blain, No. 344,885

On this 7th day of December, 1898, at
Eldora, county of Hardin
 State of Iowa, before me, W. H. Cassavant, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

E. G. Merrill, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 75 years of age; my post-office address is as above;
 occupation, real estate and loan business.

I knew soldier John Blain, prior to his enlistment. He
 went to school to me in 1861 and 2, and then seemed
 to be sound and healthy, as far as I could judge.

After his return from the service I saw him occasion-
 ally; I lived here in the city of Eldora, and he lived at
 places in the country from ten miles away. I cannot now
 fix the frequency with which I saw him.

On his return he was out of health. I cannot be
 sure as to what ailed him; but think it was some trouble
 with his back or side.

My memory is too poor for me to undertake to give
 testimony.

I testified in his case before and recognize my
 signature and writing.

I am not related; have no interest in this claim.

My answers are correctly recorded.

E. G. Merrill

Deponent

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of December,
1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

C. H. Cassavant

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Esther A. Blair, No. Wid. Clk. 344,885

On this 15th day of October, 1898, at
Eldora, county of Hardin
 State of Iowa, before me, W. H. Messerant, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Samuel Richards, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: That his
 age is 46 years; post-office address, Eldora, Hardin
Co., Iowa; occupation, farmer.

I knew soldier, John Blair for several years before he
 went into the army. I do not recollect that anything
 ailed him before he enlisted. I was then quite young.

After he came home from the army he lived for several
 years about half a mile from where I lived. When he first
 came home I saw him quite often. He used to work
 a few days, then would "groul around" that something
 was the matter with him. I think he used to com-
 plain of rheumatism. I don't know that he was laid
 up with rheumatism more than once, which was for
 about a week, and about two years after he came out
 of the army, as near as I can recollect. I don't recol-
 lect that he complained of anything but that.

I don't remember his having fever and ague.
 Have no knowledge of his having been wounded.
 Heard no complaints of kidney trouble, or any thing
 else. He did not work very steady and was quite
 a hard to complain.

I am not related to soldier or claimant and
 have no interest in this claim. I don't know
 when he died; nor do I know the cause of his death.

My answers are correctly recorded.

Samuel Richards

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of Oct.,
1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

C. H. Keanawant

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *J*Case of *Esther A. Blair*, No. *Wet. Off 344,885*

On this *15th* day of *October*, 189*8*, at
Eldora, county of *Hardin*,
 State of *Iowa*, before me, *Off. H. C. Cavanaugh*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Reuben Richards, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: That his
 age is *51* years; post-office address, *Eldora Hardin*
Co., Iowa; occupation, *farmer and*
stock buyer.

I knew soldier, John Blair, from boyhood
 until he left here about two years after he came
 out of the army, as well as I can recollect.

Prior to his enlistment he seemed sound and
 healthy. I worked with him quite a good deal, and
 know of nothing that then ailed him.

After his return from the service he lived within
 half a mile, and I saw him often. He was con-
 siderably broken in health, and complained a good
 deal, and said his disabilities were incurred in
 the army.

I have no recollection of any particular disa-
 bility, but think it was rheumatism or something like
 that. He walked stiff and bent over, I think, but
 my memory is not very clear on that point.

I have no recollection that he had been
 wounded. Nor that he had chills and fever. I
 cannot say that I remember complaints of kidney
 disease.

I am not related to soldier or claimant and
 have no interest in this claim.

My answers are correctly recorded.

Reuben Richards

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of Oct.,
1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

[Signature]

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Esther A. Blair, No. V. C. Ct. 344,885

On this 10th day of November, 1898, at
Elkora, county of Hardin
 State of Iowa, before me, C. McAssarant, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Wash. Johnson, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: Lawn Hill.

I am 60 years of age; my post-office address is Elkora,

Hardin Co., Iowa; occupation, farmer.

I knew soldier, John Blair, before the war and after his
 discharge while he remained in this neighborhood.

Prior to enlistment he was sound and well; was a very
 strong young man. I knew of nothing that ailed him.

After his return from the army he was crippled
 up from being kicked by a horse in the service, ^{as he said}. I don't
 remember just how he was affected. I did not see him
 very often after his discharge.

I don't know of any thing else that ailed him. About
 all I remember of his disability was that soon after his
 return from the service I noticed he ~~was~~ seemed to be
 "crippled up," and asked him the cause. I did not know
 but he might have been shot or something. He then
 told me of having been kicked by a horse.

I am not related to him and have no
 interest in this claim.

My answers ~~are~~ correctly recorded.

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W. Cert. No. 344,885.

Claimant: Esther A. Blair.

Soldier: John Blair.

P. O. address: Coon Rapids,

County: Carroll State: Iowa.

Recommendation: Further exam.

Chas. H. Cassavant

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

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Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

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Reviewer.

ACTION.

Jan 17, 1899.
To Madera Co. Cal. as
to continue in treat-
ment since Discharge.

Alfred E. Smith
Commissioner.

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TO SPECIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT.

Claim of Esther A. Blair.

Wid. Cert. No. 344,885.

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Claimant, Esther A. Blair, widow of
Soldier, John Blair,

Pvt.Co.H, 9th Iowa Vol.Cav.

P.O.address, Coon Rapids, Carroll Co., Iowa.

Waterloo, Iowa, Jan.10, 1899.

Sir:-

I have the honor to return all the papers in the above-cited claim, with the following report thereon:

Claimant now pensioned under act of June 27, 1890. Claim for widow's pension under general law pending; invalid claim for new disabilities, rejected under Edding decision, to be reopened and adjudicated.

Special examination to determine origin of disease of kidneys in service and line of duty, condition at discharge and continuance until death, and if death was due to military service; also merits of claim for rheumatism, chronic diarrhoea and disease of urinary organs and G.S.W.both hips, was ordered, and the case came to me, notice waived, for investigation along all these lines.

H.L.Graves (B.J.22) and Sam.R.Edgington (B.J.35,36,39) are dead.

D.F.Ellsworth (B.J.37,43) is now in his 88th year and utterly childish. It was impossible for him to recall soldier, so I did not take his deposition.

W.C.Brown is also old and forgetful. He is 79 and only lived in the immediate neighborhood of soldier for one year; after that only saw him occasionally when the latter came to Eldora. He could recall nothing of his ailments, and though he was mentioned among witnesses to continuance, I did not think it necessary to take a negative statement when his memory was so poor.

William H.Smith (B.J.28) bears a very good reputation and owns much property. He fails to substantiate his affidavit, and it is not because of failing memory either. As the declaration of soldier for G.S.W. was read his comments showed he was convinced no such injury was received. When B.J.6 was read, in which he was alleged to be the only eye-witness of the injury by kick of horse, and in which he is said to be dead, seemed to convince him that deception was being used; and when his own affidavit was read him, completely at variance with his deposition taken by me, his disgust and humiliation was complete.

Of the witnesses cited by claimant as to continuance, Charles Lytle could not be found; is a bachelor and lives around among a half dozen families in the county, but just where he then was I could find no one who knew. Testimony would have but little weight in any event.

John Crosser had moved onto a farm in a remote corner of the county, and I satisfied myself from Joseph Blair and and Eliza Crosser, brother and sister of soldier, that his opportunity for observing the condition of the latter just after the war were not especially good, so did not take a long and expensive drive to get his deposition.

One of the Johnsons cited, Edward, has moved on a farm somewhere in Adair county, but no one knew his address. The other, Wash., was seen by me. A very ignorant man, living off traveled thoroughfares in the brush, he exasperated me not a little before I was done with him. He resolutely refused to be sworn before his statement was taken; wasn't going to swear unless he knew what he

was swearing to. What he knew amounted to nothing as evidence, He insisted on slowly spelling it out to himself after I had read it to him and swore to it; then he refused to sign it, seeming to remember that someone had been swindled by some such operation. I tried to induce him to sign, but finally gave up in disgust. I make the statement he made an exhibit herewith.

Dr. Cyrus Cook, who treated soldier after discharge, is now at Madera, Madera Co., Cal. He should be seen to determine definitely whether the back trouble shown to have existed was due to kidney trouble or was the result of the injury for which soldier was pensioned; and whether kidney disease existed.

It is apparent, from the repudiation by W.H. Smith of his affidavit as to origin, and the testimony of Joseph Blair, Eliza Crosser and Thomas Walton herewith as to continuance immediately after discharge, that there is no merit in any of the claims except disease of urinary organs claimed for.

Should Dr. Cook testify to that, I think ^{during period in Hardin Co.} continuance can be accepted. If not, we have only the testimony of a brother and sister, who may be unduly biased. I did not judge them to be, now that the widow is the beneficiary.

There is probable merit in the invalid claim for disease of urinary organs and in the widow's claim under the general law.

I recommend further examination as follows:

Treatment following discharge:

Dr. Cyrus Cook, Madera, Madera Co., Cal.

Origin:

Enoch Moorman, Linden, Dallas Co., Iowa (B.J. 30).
Orlando M. Ellsworth, Burlington, Boone Co., Iowa (B.J. 32-also continuance). *Ark*

J. King, Nevada, Story Co., Iowa.

Benjamin S. Bonham, Macksburg, Madison Co., Iowa.

Marcelon E. Black, 3900 State st., Chicago, Cook Co., Ill. (see reply).

W. F. Husted, Murray, Clarke Co., Iowa (see reply).

Continuance:

Cyrus Carr and wife, LaCrosse, Rush Co., Kans.

--- Berry, Jewell City, Jewell Co., Kans.

--- Plum, " " "

Frank Gleason, " " "

A young doctor, " " "

-J. King (banker), Nevada, Story Co., Iowa.

-Edward Keppell and family, Nevada, Story Co., Iowa.

--- Appleton, " " "A

Alfred Blair and wife, Burwell, Garfield Co., Nebr.

Dr. Justus Garst, Worcester, Worcester Co., Mass.

Very respectfully,

C. H. Canavan

Special Examiner.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D.C.

P.S.-It will be observed this case barely comes within order of Jan. 4, 1899.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fort Dodge Army
April 13th 1898

Hon H. Clay Evans
Comm of Pensions
Washington
D.C.

Sir

I have the honor
to herewith return the papers and
submit my report in the claim
of Esther G. Blais Widow of John
Blais late private in Co H
9th Iowa Vol. Cavalry Regt 344.
8857 & Regt 371. 499

Notice of further examination waived
This claim was referred to the P.E.
Division to cross examine original
affiants. Under present rules I
thought I was required to notify
Claimant and take a statement
from her as to soldiers ailments.
The witnesses here are of good
reputation and their cross exam-
ination satisfactory except Dr.
Downs, and his explanation
as to why he don't have at
present a clear recollection
is reasonable. He is a man of
good reputation both personally

and professionally. Thos. E. Bott
Original affiant now resides at
Redfield Dallas Co La. The
claims seem to be of probable
merit at least. I recommend
further examination as follows

Origin

74	✓	H. L. Graves	Eldora	Hardin	Co	La
73-74	✓	Benj. S. Bouham	Wicksburg	Madison	Co	"
	✓	Wm. A. Smith	Conrad	Good	Gundy	Co
30	✓	Enoch. Moorman	Linden	Dallas	Co	La
	✓	Orlando M. Ellsworth	Huffman	Hardin	Co	"
	✓	Sam. R. Edgington	Eldora	"	"	"
	✓	D. F. Ellsworth	"	"	"	"
	✓	W. L. Brown	"	"	"	"
	✓	Wm. Patterson	"	"	"	"
	✓	E. J. Merrill	"	"	"	"

Respectfully Submitted

J. M. Hamit
Special Examiner

DEPOSITION

Case of Esther A. BlairCt. No. 944, 885

On this 1st day of April, 1898, at Crow Rapids, county of Carroll State of Iowa, before me, J. M. Haurit, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Esther A. Blair, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 48 years of age; my post-office address is Crow Rapids Carroll Co Ia. Occupation housekeeper. I am the widow of John Blair who was a private in Co. H 9th Iowa vol Cavalry and who died near here Mich. 3rd 1891 of Bright's disease of the kidneys as the doctor Ed. W. Dumas said. I became acquainted with my late husband in 1868. He was sick at the time but I did not know at the time what ailed him but learned it was something like fever and ague. He was married Mich. 24th 1870. I then learned or think afterwards that he was troubled with rheumatism affecting his back and hips and in 1875 he laid nearly three months helpless with rheumatism & kidney disease his heart was injured so that failed him badly. I don't remember that he was troubled with diarrhea too a good deal so that he was always in poor health after our marriage and before he was sick the first time I ever saw him and the ailments I have spoken were his ailments as near as I can remember. I desire to complete all claims my husband had pending when he died as well as to complete my own claims for pension under General

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Ques.

Ans.

Do you thoroughly understand
and comprehend the questions asked
you, and are your answers to them
correctly recorded in this deposition?

Yes & Plain
Deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of April,
1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

J. M. Harris

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Esther A. Blair of, No. 344, 885-

On this 12th day of April, 1898, at
Levon Rapids, county of Carroll
 State of Iowa, before me, J. M. Harritt, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Thos
B. Ramsey, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: That he is
 age is 58 years; post-office address, Levon Rapid
Carroll Co Ia; occupation, a farmer
 I first knew John Blair late
 husband of claimant about
 twenty years ago & then knew him
 well until he died. He complained
 of some trouble in his breath then
 and all the time I knew him. That
 is all the ailment he had that I remember
 of except that he lost his speech and
 there was a long time he could not talk
 but it finally returned to him. It seems
 to me he had something else ailing
 him but I have forgotten what it
 was. My memory is not good any
 way I can't say that he had chronic
 diarrhea. He complained of rheuma-
 tism seemingly affecting his back
 I have forgotten whether he had kidney
 or urinary trouble or not but it
 seems to me he did. I am not
 related to claimant interested
 in this claim nor concerned in
 its prosecution.

Sworn

Do you thoroughly understand
 and comprehend the questions
 asked you, and are your answers
 thereon correctly recorded?

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 And goes on

T B Ramsey
 Deponent

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of April, 1878, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J M Hamit

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *le*Case of *Esther A. Blair* *Q*, No. *344,885*

On this *12th* day of *April*, 1898, at
Corn Rapids, county of *Carroll*
 State of *Iowa*, before me, *J. M. Harniss*, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared *Chas. B. Smith*,
 who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *61* years of age; my post-office address is *Corn Rapids Carroll Co Ia* occupation
farmer I first knew *John Blair*
late husband of this claimant about
between 17 & 20 years ago, and I knew
 him well thereafter until he died.
 He then had pain in his breast,
 and complained of having been
 injured there. He then complained of
 rheumatism generally in his legs
 and arms but at times it seemed
 to be general. And complained
 of his kidneys. I can't remember
 whether he complained of urinating
 too freely or not free enough but
 he claimed it was very painful
 he was a man of good habits
 those are all the ailments he had
 that I recall except he was wounded
 but I don't remember whether
 how or what the character of the
 wound or where located but
 since my memory is refreshed
 I remember of his telling me
 that he was wounded in his hips
 but he never showed me the ~~leg~~
I can I only know what he told
 me and I know he walked *came*
 part of the time but I did not know

DEPOSITION DCase of Ester A. Blair Ex. No. 344,883

On this 12th day of April, 1898, at Corn Rapids, county of Carroll State of Iowa, before me, J. M. Hearnik, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Alice H. Smith, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 44 years of age; my post-office address is Corn Rapids Carroll Co Ia the wife of Ob B. Smith and sister of this claimant of first husband John Blair her late husband about thirty years ago. he came to our neighborhood near Point Pleasant Hardin Co Ia. he had work in a flouring mill there but was unable to work he had to quit work at that time on account of his health but I don't remember what ailed him. I did not know much of him afterwards until he married this claimant in the Spring of 1870. I then knew him well until he died. we lived most of the time in the same neighborhood and I knew he was ailing with rheumatism and in 1895, he laid with that ailment for about three months. I helped take care of him at the time. It was inflammatory rheumatism and at times he was bothered with rheumatism all the time. I knew him after marriage. he had a trouble in his breast a pain he claimed he had been injured in the Army. These are all the ailments he had that I am aware of until his last illness then he had kidney trouble and rheumatism I don't think it

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was inflammatory rheumatism at that time at least his limbs not swell that I know of. Those are all the ailments he had that I recall except that he claimed to have been wounded by former affidavits read to me. I do remember that he had chronic diarrhea too. I know John Blair before this claimant and I believe I knew him in 1866 at the time I stated in my first affidavit and he complained and I am satisfied had kidney or urinary trouble all the time I knew him. I know he complained of those ailments at intervals all the time I knew him. I am not interested in this claim financially nor concerned in its prosecution.

Lues

Do you thoroughly understand and comprehend the questions asked you, and are your answers to them correctly recorded in the deposition?

Ans They are

Alice G. Smith
deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of April, 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J. M. Harris
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION &

Case of Esther A. Blair &, No. 544-88 &

On this 12th day of April, 1898, at
Corn Rapids, county of Carroll
 State of Iowa, before me, J. M. Harnish, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Jos.
W. Bailey, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 63 years of age; my post-office address is Corn Rapids Carroll Co Ia Occupation
a farmer. I first knew John
Blair late husband of Esther
15 years ago. He then complained
 of kidney complaint. He had
 spells that he would get down, and
 he had to keep getting up and
 going out to urinate very often
 and he complained of that the matter
 until he died. and he had
 rheumatism too general rheuma-
 tism that is it seemed to affect
 him all over. He complained of
 his back & that he had been
 injured in the service. I believe
 he had chronic diarrhea too.
 he was not really able to work
 at all & amount to anything
 after I knew him and his
 ailments was what I have al-
 ready stated so far as I can
 recall them. I don't know how
 it happened that I left urinary
 trouble out when I answered
 the card sent me by the Pension
 Bureau. for I know that he had
 to urinate very often and could
 not stay at a gathering any

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length of time without having to
go out to urinate. I am not
related to claimant interested
in this claim nor concerned
in its prosecution
Dues

Do you thoroughly understand
and comprehend the ques-
-tions asked you, and are
your answers to them correctly
recorded in this deposition
Ans yes Sir

W Bailey
Deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2th day of April,
1895, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

J M Hammit

Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION ⁷Case of Esther a Blair, Co, No. 344 883-

On this 13th day of April, 1898, at Corn Rapids, county of Carroll State of Iowa, before me, J. M. Hamick, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Ed. W. Downs in D, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 38 years of age; my post-office address is Corn Rapids Carroll Co Ia Occupation Physician and Surgeon Graduated Iowa State University Iowa City In Class of 1885 I first knew John Blair late husband of claimant about 14 years ago I am not certain as to exact date, and my books are not where I can refresh my memory and I can give even approximately the date of first treatment nor the length of time before he died. I was my partner Doctor Root was dead his family physician for 1 1/2 year or more before he died. I made a physical examination of him but I don't remember what his ailments were at that time. The immediate cause of his death was Bright's disease of Kidneys and Constipation which was the cause of the kidney possibly the immediate cause of death was hastened by the Constipation but the real cause was the Kidney Trouble Still he was an invalid all the time I knew him and had but I don't remember of other ailments that he had except the ailments already spoken of.

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I don't remember whether he had schematics or not I kept a memorandum of my treatment and examination of that soldier but I have mislaid it. I never pretend to charge my mind with such matters I make a memorandum and depend on that and I can't find it. I don't remember whether I testified from that memorandum or not when I testified before. I don't remember the date of his death. My former affidavits show me. I must have had my memorandum when I made those affidavits, and they are correct much more reliable than my memory at the present and I have nothing whatever to refresh my memory from at present I am not related to claimant interested in this claim nor concerned in its prosecution

Ques.

Do you thoroughly understand and comprehend the questions asked you, and are your answers to them correctly recorded in this deposition

Ans.

Ed W. Downs M.D.
Deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of Apr., 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J M Harris
Special Examiner.

(3-590.)

CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION *E*Case of *Esther A. Blair* *G*, No. *344,883*

On this *12th* day of *April*, 189*8* at
Corn Rapids, County of *Cass*
 State of *Iowa*, before me, *J. H. Harnett*, a
 Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared *Esther A. Blair*

_____, the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

Q. If it should become necessary to further examine your claim, by taking the testimony of witnesses elsewhere, do you desire to be present in person or be represented by an attorney, or both, at such further examination? If so, you will be notified as to the place and time when it is to be made.

A. *No*

Q. Should you change your mind and desire to be present, or be represented by an attorney during any further examination of your case, will you at once address a letter to the "Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.," giving the name and the number of your claim, informing him that you have so changed your mind, and desire to be notified when your claim is to be further examined?

A. *And if*

Q. State the names of the person or persons and their post-office addresses, instrumental in the prosecution of your claim for pension.

A. *E. T. Gaddis Washington, D. C. In witness*
claims have us Atty in the invalid
claim

Q. State what contract or contracts you have made with such person or persons for their services in prosecuting your claim for pension, and whether such contract or contracts were written or verbal.

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Deposition *4*

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A. Written Outracket for \$25 when claim is allowed.

Q. State the amount of fees paid by you or at your instance, to whom paid, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction.

A. Nothing

Q. Please give me the names of all witnesses that you desire examined elsewhere, with their post-office addresses, and also state what you expect to prove by each witness.

A. Original affiants is all

Q. Have you any complaint to make as to the conduct, manner, or fairness of the examination of your claim? If so, please state specifically what it is.

A. None

Q. Do you desire to introduce any more testimony before me?

A. None

Esther A. Blair

Deponent..

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of April, 1898
and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J M Hamill

Special Examiner.

(3-459.)

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At Fort Dodge, Iowa
April 11th, 1898.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of Esther a Blair Of No. 344,885
To Esther a Blair, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 11th day of April, A. D. 1898, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Corn Rapids, County of Carroll and State of Iowa, and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all material witnesses will be heard.

And you are further notified that you have the privilege of being present, in person or by attorney, during said special examination, and of cross-examining said witnesses and of introducing any material evidence on your own behalf, if you so desire.

Jm Harnit
Special Examiner.

Jm Harnit for exam
I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 11th day of April, 1898,
and desire the examination to begin at once

2Esther a Blair

DEPOSITION

Case of Esther A. Blair, No. 344885.

On this 16th day of May, 1898, at Gliddens, county of Captown, State of Ill., before me, Wm. H. Smith, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Esther A. Blair, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 49 years of age; my post-office address is Corn Rapids Carroll Co. Ia. the widow of John Blair late of Co. 9th Ia. Vol. Inf. my late husband lived at Eldora Hardin Co. Ia. from the time he was about 13 years of age until he enlisted there in Co. H 9th Ia. Vol. Inf. his brother Joseph Blair lives there and helped to take care of him when he came home from the service and the Iowa Records. Reuben was the Christian name of one but I can't recall the other, Thomas Maltson the Johnsons, Charles Lytle, John Cross, I can't think of others that knew him before enlistment but the old settlers there almost all of them knew him well there and at So. Ia. before enlistment and after discharge while he lived there, or until 1878, and Joseph Blair can take a special Examiner to our neighbors at Eldora & New Providence where one Eliza Crosser of New Providence helped take care of him when he was so bad with rheumatism. And if the names given here are not sufficient

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To come the time he lived there Joseph Blair & Eliza, corner corner corner the names of others evidently after leaving Eldora and vicinity we went to Rush Co Kansas near La Crosse. but was only there about six months. Yours and family are all the people there that I know anything about. We then went to Jewell City Jewell Co Kansas and was there about a year - being an soldier's time in the same building we did. And a Mr. Plummer. Frank. Pleasant he helped take care of my late husband while sick there. There was a doctor treated him there. but I can't remember his name. There was 3 doctors there then and this was a young man. The other two were older one was named Powell but he was not the one that treated him then we moved back to Hardin Co Ia & stayed from June 1880. until November 1880. then we lived in Nevada Story Co Ia. until the Spring of 1882. I think who was a banker there knew him well before enlistment & in the service & while we lived at Nevada Ia. Edward Keppell & family were all the neighbors there that we were intimate with. and a family by

Esther A. Blair

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of May, 1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J. M. Hamlin

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Esther a Blais G, No. 343883

On this _____ day of _____, 189____, at _____, county of _____, State of _____, before me, _____, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared _____, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am _____ years of age; my post-office address is _____ the name of _____ that _____ when a small boy in Pennsylvania, but I can't remember their Christian names. I don't remember that he had a doctor, then he got disgusted with doctors and took fatal medicine until for a long time then we came here and lived here until he died. Young Dr. Garsh, doctored him here awhile, but I don't know where he lives. Then Dr. Rook treated him but he is dead then Dr. Downs. The witnesses who have already testified in this claim know as much about my late husband's physical condition since we came here as any one else & perhaps most of my late husband's business friends. Next in senior was Enock Moorman James. Burnham. They live at Linden, Dallas Co. Ia. I don't remember of others except David Helton. I am not certain whether he is at Redfield, Dallas Co. Ia. or at the Soldiers Home near Shattuck, Ia. but Enock Moorman

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Will be apt to know where he is
the doctors who treated him at
Eldersburg was Dr. G. S. of
New Providence La but he at
this time & I don't know his address
then Dr. C. C. & Henderson but
they are both dead. These marked
you on the left read to me. I have
heard my husband speak of
and may know of his disabilities
as the doctor.

Ques

Do you thoroughly understand
and comprehend the questions
asked you and are you an
answer to them correctly as
recorded in this deposition
Ans yes sir

Esther A. Blair
Deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of May,
1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

J. M. Hamill
Special Examiner.

MAY 25 1898

S. E. D.

4th Dist

No. 344883
Claimant: Walter A. Blair
Soldier: John Blair
P. O. address: Coon Rapids
County: Carroll State: Ia
Recommendation: For Exam

J. H. Harnick
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

_____, 189____

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

_____, 189____

Reviewer.

ACTION.

May 26, 1898.
To Harding Co., Iowa, as
the Original Certificate.

A. C. Brown
Commissioner.

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Marbury No 344,885
 Esther A Blain Weidman

of
 John Blain Pot Co H, 9" Iowa County
 Co, Coon Rapids Carrou Co Iowa
 Harrison Apr 18- 99
 Sam H. Clay Esq
 Commissioner of Patents

Sir
 I have the honor to return with respect
 the papers in your entitled claim referred
 to regarding to determine origin of
 dream of Kamps in Oregon and him & duty
 Condition of discharge and continuance
 until death and to me for the
 testimony of former official Orlando
 M. Ellsworth of Burlington Boone
 Co. Ark.

The testimony of this witness, as taken, at
 this time because of my presence in
 his neighborhood in an isolated part
 of my district of work on a claim
 having precedence.

The witness has resided on a homestead
 in the Rim Mountains, where men
 of energy and desponding to succeed
 in life have resided, for a period
 of 4 years. His family abandoned him
 and returned to Iowa because of

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his utter untruthfulness and failure to provide for them. He made false statements to the State of Kansas with a view to obtaining credit and refuses to pay. In a promissory note of June 27th 1890 and was alone in the premises on his prison money. His whole manner and demeanor when testifying brands him as an untruthful man. He knows nothing from personal knowledge regarding the origin of Gistina in France or any discreditable connection with the deceased Socden in France. His statements are contradictory and clearly indicate that he was coached by the State which he admits. His reputation for truth is bad.

The Examiner of the Origin is recommended of persons
 Benjamin A. Braham Modelling Modelling Co Iowa
 Marcelon E. Black 3900 State St Chicago Ill
 W. J. Hurtel Murray Clark Co Iowa

Continued

Guns	Carriage	Lacrosse	Rush	Caskets
-	Benny	Jewelry	Jewell	" "
-	Phen	"	"	" "
Frank	Heaton	"	"	" "
Yancy	Dr.	"	"	" "
Alfred	Stan	rupe	Bauer	Larfield & Nels
Dr. Justin	Clark	Horatio	Horatio	Co. Moss

Very respectfully
 J. H. Hodge
 Sp. Ex. Am.

DEPOSITION *A*Case of *Esther A. Blair*, No. *344885*

On this *17* day of *November*, 189*9*, at *Burlington*, county of *Boon* State of *Arkansas*, before me, *F. A. Stockslager*, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared *Oscar M. Ellsworth*, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am *54* years of age; my post-office address is *Burlington Boon Co. Ark.* No occupation *Live on a farm*. I was in a fort in *Co. H 9th Ia. Cavalry*. Entered in *1863* and was *M.O.* in *July, 1866* at *Doniphan* *Ind.* He *remained and discharged at Doniphan* I *was never in the full rank* *Ark.* I *now think* I *enlisted* in the *fall of 1863*. I do not know the claimant but did know *John Blair* of *Co. H 9th Ia. Cavalry*. *Blair* and I were neighbors near *Edora* *Indiana* less than to the way *less 3 or 4 miles* from each other. He *was a born* *Quaker* prior to our *enlisting*. My father had the claimant's *brother* *working* *down* on the farm before our *enlistment*. He was *schoolmoss* also prior to *enlisting* to the winter *1861* *1862* I *think*

Blair was *previously* a *slave* *teacher* *boy* prior to the time of his *enlistment*. *Blair* knew him to be *sick* and never heard of him being *sick*. He and I were both *sick* and *mess* *moss* when in *camp*.

Well sir I cannot now remember what disabilities the claimant a *soldier* *contracted* in *service*. I made an affidavit for the *soldier* a number of years ago but I cannot now tell you what I then testified to. He came to my house in *1884* or *1885* if I am not mistaken when I made the affidavit. He at the time remained over night. I made the former affidavit for having my memory

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refreshed by the Soldier but I at the time remembered
no material facts I then testified to. Dismissal and
advancing years have impaired my memory.
While I do not remember when or where he was sick in
service but he was taken at Duane's Bluff and at
Draughton's Station.

I think now that he had Chronic diarrhoea or
flux.

I cannot now tell whether he was sick more than
once in service. I know however that he was sick
more or less at different times in service.

After he was discharged he was sick some years at my
father's Hotel in Edson's Cordia Co. Ia. and I
think he had diarrhoea or bloody flux in 1866
after his discharge. I also think John Bean was killed
by a horse and thrown from a horse and hurt while
he was in the army but I do not remember positively whether
he was or not.

If in former affidavits I stated he had malari^a at
Duane's Bluff and Washington Ark I state there
what I remembered and my memory was then good
and my statement reliable. Now it is not and
I cannot avoid contradicting statements because
of defective memory.

Q Do you remember that Soldier complained of disease
of kidneys or that there were any symptoms or
disease of kidneys about him when in service?

A If I did not testify to kidney disease in former affidavits
I had no knowledge of said disease as my
memory was then good. I have only seen the Soldier a
few times since 1866. There is nothing additional material
not related to claimant or included in the prosecution
the claimant's modesty and answers read
they are embraced.

Olando M. Ellsworth

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of June
189, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

T. A. Stodolage

Special Examiner.

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S. E. D.

Of No. 344885
Claimant: William A. Blair
Soldier: John Blair
P. O. address: Cocoa Rapids
County: Connel State: Iowa
Recommendation: True

M. H. Hurlburt
Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

_____, 189____

Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

_____, 189____

Reviewer.

ACTION.

Nov. 24 1899
To Madison Co. Iowa
Assign - see summary
R. J. List

J. H. Thompson
Actg. Commissioner.

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Claim of Esther a Blair Cg No. 344.883

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Fort Dodge Iowa
May 2nd 1898

Hon H. Clay. Evans
Comm of Pensions
Washington
D.C

Sir

I have
the honor to herewith return
the papers and submit my
report in the claim of
Esther A. Blair Widow
of John Blair late private
in Co. H. 9th Ia vol. Cav
Org no 344. 883
Notice of further examination
waived

This claim came to me at
this time to take a full state-
ment from claimant.
Which will be found attached
and in addition to the recommen-
dations for further examina-
tion made in my former
report, I recommend as follows

Prin bondholders & Continuanee
Joseph Blair Eldora Hardin, Co. Ia
Vols. Records ^{by Sample & Burtin} do
Thos. Walton do do

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^{Wash + Eng}
 Ins. Johnsons. Joseph Blair mill point
 them out at Eldora. Hardin, Co, Ia
 Charles Lytle over from Ia. "
 John. Crosser ^{was dep - (has for 3)} "
 Eliza Crosser "
 Cyrus. Carr wife Lacrosse Wash Co Kas
 - Berry. Jewell City Jewell Co Kas
 - Plum do do do
 Frank. Gleason do do
 A young doctor do do
 J King Nevada Story Co, Ia
 Edward Keppell family Nevada Story Co Ia
 - Appleton " " " "
 Alfred Blair wife. Burnell. Garfield Co, Neb
 Dr. Julius Garst. Wooster, Mass.

Origin

If it is needed - the names on list
 marked Yes -

Respectfully Submitted

J M Hamit
 Special Examiner

P.S.

Do ^{you} look of New Provin-
 -dence Hardin Co Ia should
 be located if possible

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J. H. M.
SPECIAL EXAMINATION
DIVISION.

K.N.

9.
Western District.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, *M.H.*

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 20, 1898.

Mr. J. M. Harnit,

Special Examiner,

Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Sir:

Herewith are returned to you the papers in claims Wid. Ctf. No. 344,885, and Inv. Ctf. No. 371,499, widow completing, of Esther A. Blair, widow of John Blair, Co. H, 9th Iowa Vol. Cav., together with your report which is unsatisfactory.

A careful reading of the slip of reference in these claims would have shown you that a thorough special examination as to the "origin of disease of kidneys in service and line of duty, condition at discharge, and continuance until death and if death was due to military service" is desired, and not merely a cross-examination of the original affiants. As a basis for such examination we should have a comprehensive statement from the claimant giving full data for further inquiry and especially the names and post office addresses of witnesses who can furnish the desired information. This you failed to take in the present instance and to remedy this matter the papers are now returned. See Paragraphs 6 and 7, General Instructions of 1897.

A. G. X

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You will take up and dispose of this case in the order of its original receipt in your district and secure from the claimant the additional statement as directed, making this letter an exhibit in your supplemental report for which no credit will be allowed.

It is also observed that you failed to sign your jurat to the claimant's final statement. This should be done before the papers are again returned to the Bureau.

A charge of faulty and insufficient work will not be made against you in this instance, but care should be taken in the future to comply fully with the instructions in all claims sent to you for special examination.

Very respectfully,

J. R. Davenport
Acting Commissioner.

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DEPOSITION "D"

Case of Esther A. Blair, No. 344,885
June. Clk. #371,499

On this 28 day of May, 1900, at
Linden, county of Dallas
 State of Iowa, before me, A. R. M. Cahoon, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

James Burnham, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 54 years of age; my post-office address is Linden
Dallas Co. Iowa - that I was a farmer
 when in active business.

Yes. I was a member of Co. H. 9th Iowa
 Cavy. Vols. - and will remember John Blair
 the deceased soldier. I remember he was
 sick in service but cannot now
 recall the time and place - but
 think he had fever at Washington
 (Post Hosp.) Ark. I was in the
 Hospital a while myself - in
 1865 - and I think he was there
 with some kind of a fever.

I also remember he was once
 injured by the kick of a horse -
 but I cannot give the date or
 particulars. I do not think I was
 present at the time but I heard of
 it - and talked with him about
 it. He was kicked in the breast
 if I remember correctly.

At date of discharge he was still
 complaining of the result of
 the kick. And I never saw him
 but once after the war about
 the Spring of 1885 - and he was
 still complaining of the result
 of the kick he rec'd. in the service.
 He complained of his breast and

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and said it was from the kick of the horse he rode in the service.

No - I do not recall what else he complained of in 1885 - when I saw him. I have forgotten exactly as to that.

I hardly think he was wounded in the service. If he was I have forgotten it. I think I remember he had Chron. Diarrhoea in the service - but I do not recall that he was wounded. No - I think I never saw him but once after the war.

No I am not related to the claimant and have no interest in this claim for pension.

I have heard this statement read over have understood the questions and my answers are correctly recorded

James Burnham
Deponent

Signed above

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of May,
1900 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

A. R. M. Talbot

Special Examiner.

JUN 4 1900

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S. E. D.

W.S. CF. No. 344.885-

Claimant: *Esther A. Blair*

Soldier: *John Blair*

P. O. address: *Coon Rapids*

County: *Carroll* State: *Iowa*

Recommendation: *for consideration*
of Chief of Board of Review.

H. R. McAlmont

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

JUN 7 1900, 189

Respectfully referred to
Chief of Bd. of Rev. for
consideration.

A. L. Craig

Chief, S. E. Division *J. N. S.*

Chief, S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

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Reviewer.

ACTION.

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Commissioner.

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W.S. Ctf# 344,885

With Inv. Ctf. #371,499

Esther A. Blair - wid. of
John Blair - Co. "H" 9 Iowa Vol. Cavy.
P.O.: Coon Rapids - Canoll Co. Iowa.

Pensioned: under Act June 27"/1890.

Basis: Claims as widow under general law -
and also completing claim of soldier - on
account new disabilities; rheumatism,
Chronic diarrhoea, disease of urinary
organs and g. & w. of both hips.

Des Moines Ia. May 31"/1900

Sir:

In the above entitled claims I have the
honor to return the papers in both cases -
and to submit my report as follows:

The claims were referred to S. E. Div. to determine
origin in service of kidney disease, condition at
discharge and until death - and if death cause
was due to military service. Also as to merits of
pending invalid claim on account of new disabili-
ties as above - and came to this district - notice
waived - for further examination, to secure
the testimony of Enoch Moorman (P. J. 30)
of Linden Dallas Co. Iowa - and Benjamin S. Bonham
(supposed to reside at) Macksburg Madison Co. Iowa -
as to question of origin in service.

From a letter - now in the case - received

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from the P.M. (H. H. Saxton) at Macksburg Ia., it will be seen that Benjamin S. Bonham - the desired witness who formerly lived there - has removed from this locality, and probably now resides at Hennessey, Oklahoma - which will account for the absence of his testimony.

I secured the statement of Enock Moorman, Deposition "A", attached hereto, as part of this report - and from him I also learned of another comrade residing at same place - James Burnham - whose statement I secured deposition "B" and submit herewith.

Both of these deponents are men of good character and standing in the community where they live - and bear good reputations for truthfulness.

Both remember as to soldier being kicked by a horse - causing injury to his chest - also as to other disabilities alleged except as to the alleged wounds.

I recommend that the claims be referred to the Chief of the Board of Review for consideration.

Very respectfully
H. R. McCalumont
Special Examiner

Hon. H. Clay Evans
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D.C.

N. B.—Examiners should be particular to have affiants sign on the line next below the closing words of their depositions so as to leave little or no space between their signatures and the end of their depositions.

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DEPOSITION *A*

Case of *Esther A. Blair* ^{W. D. C. No. 344,883}
^{with W. D. C. 371,499}

On this *28* day of *May*, 1902, at
Linden, County of *Dallas*

State of *Iowa*, before me, *H. R. M. Calumet*

a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Enoch Moorman, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him, during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: I am *58*
 years of age; my post-office address is *Linden Dallas Co.*

Iowa - that I have always been a farmer
 when in active business - that I was a
 member of Co. H. 9th Iowa Vol. Cav. -
 and as such I became acquainted with
John Blair the deceased (soldier) husband
 of the claimant above named. I did not
 know him prior to enlistment. We both enlisted
 about same - in Oct. 1863.

Q? What, if any, wound, injury, disease, or
 disability did Soldier incur while in service
 so far as you know or remember?

Ans. I remember he was injured by the kick
 of a horse - for one thing - but I cannot
 be positive as to where it was, but think
 it was near Brownsville Ark. and I think
 it was in latter part of 1864 or first
 part of 1865. - He was kicked in the breast.
 I did not see him at the time. I was on guard
 but I saw him soon afterwards. They had
 to carry him to his quarters - and at the
 time they thought he was killed. As I
 understood, it was his own horse that
 kicked him - and that he was carrying him
 or putting the saddle on him or some
 thing of the kind. How he was in line

(Page 5) of duty I presume - for I never heard anything to the contrary. No - I was not a bunk-mate of soldier. I think it was the next morning after he was kicked - when I came off guard - that I saw the soldier. He was in his quarters - and was not able to be out. He complained of his chest. I do not remember how long he was off duty on account of this injury - but he was laid up quite a while. It is a long time now to remember exactly how long he was unable for duty. But I remember he complained of his breast always afterwards, while in the service, and up to his discharge.

After the date of our discharge (in 1866) we returned home and I ~~went~~ came back here and he went to Kansas - and I did not see him for perhaps 15 years - He had then moved back to this State (Coon Rapids) and I saw him at a re-union of soldiers - and he was still complaining of his chest and spoke of his disability being a result of the kick I have mentioned.

Q?

What - if any other disability did he incur while in service - so far as you know?

Ans.

I remember he had chronic diarrhoea - think he first had it early part of 1864 in Ark - and complained of it more or less while in the service. And he had the ague and fever - malaria - a right smart, while in the service - and I do not remember whether he had rheumatism while in the service - but I recollect after the war when I saw him he was complaining of rheumatism too. He was also complaining of his kidneys - said his "water works" were giving him trouble at time I saw him after he had come back from Kansas to vicinity of Coon

Rapids - as I have mentioned. He said these troubles were all caused by his service. He said he thought it was due to the malaria and diarrhoea that he had while in the army - and I think the injury from the kick also had helped to bring on his feeble condition.

After his return from Kansas we saw each other as often as once a year - and sometimes twice a year as long as he lived - and he was never what would be called a man fit for work - I would call him totally disabled - except to do light chores.

Yes - that is my signature to a former affidavit (P. J. 30) made 11 years ago - and I remember now I had talked the matter over with the soldier - who was then living - and I have no doubt I remembered all the facts at that time better than I can recall them at present - and therefore I do not wish to make any changes in that statement.

No - there is nothing said about the kick of the horse - but I think he asked me nothing about it at the time - for I well remembered it. No - I never heard of him being wounded that I remember of now. If he was wounded I have forgotten it. No I am not related to claimant and have no interest in this claim for pension. I have heard this statement read over have understood the questions and my answers are correctly recorded.

Enoch M. Norman
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of May 1900, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

H. B. McCalmont
Special Examiner.

(3-380.)

West
W.P.M. **Department of the Interior,**
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Oct 10, 1891

Madam:

In the claim for accrued pension of yourself as widow
of John Blair T. & J. Iowa la. Invol No. 371,499.
the genuineness of the signature, and the official character as
Justice of the Peace on March 21, 1870,
of A. M. Mueford, County of Hardin
State of Iowa, should be certified by the Clerk of the
county or court of record or other proper officer under the seal of such
county court or public officer, which should be in form of the blank at
the foot hereof, that it may be placed on file for future reference, so that
all persons filing papers executed before him during his term of office
may refer thereto, and thus obviate the necessity of filing a certificate
in each case.

This circular should be returned with your response.

Very respectfully,

Guen B. Ransom

Commissioner.

Esther A. Blair
Coon Rapids, Iowa.

Filed from Jan 1, 1869

Dec. 31, 1870,
C. B. R. 470

W.P.M.
8/10/91

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POWER OF ATTORNEY.

ATTESTED.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I Ether A Blair ¹³
John Blair late of Co 28 of the 9 Reg't of La. Cav

Volts. have made, constituted and appointed and by these presents do make and appoint EDGAR T. GADDIS, of WASHINGTON, D. C., my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name place and stead, hereby annulling all former authorizations whatever in the premises, to prosecute my claim for 4885 Pension No. 344885 and to do and perform every act and thing necessary to be done in the premises as fully and effectually as I could do if present and acting, and hereby conferring upon my said attorney full power of substitution.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this _____ day of _____

189 7 Alie E Smith
C. V. B. Smith
Two persons must always attest the claimant's signature.

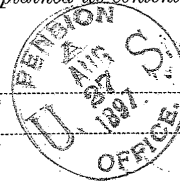
Ether A Blair
Claimant's Signature.
Coon Rapids Mo.
Post office address.

STATE OF Laurea COUNTY OF Laurea SS.

On this 17 day of August 189 7, before me the undersigned authority in and for said county and state, personally appeared Ether A Blair to me known to be the person who signed the above instrument and to whom I fully explained its contents and who then acknowledged its execution to be his free act and deed.

I also certify that I have no interest therein.

SS Morris
Katany Public
Signature
Official Character.



L. S.

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Western Div

Wid
POWER OF ATTORNEY.

John A. Blair

John Blair Applicant,

Co. *H 9* Regiment of

La Car Volunteers

No. *344885*

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Lane June 14/97

FILED BY

Edgar T. Gaddis, Washington, D. C.

State of Iowa
Carrace County } ss

On this 9th day
November 1896 Personally appeared
before me the undersigned a Notary
Public in & for said County &
State Esther A Blair who being
duly sworn says: I am the widow
of John Blair who was a member
of Co. H 9th Iowa Cavalry. Have
made application for Pension
under the General Law No 344855
I am unable to furnish the
affidavit of the Regimental
Surgeon who treated my husband
while in the service on account
that the Surgeon is dead

Esther A Blair

Subscribed & sworn to before me
by Esther A Blair this 9th day
of November 1896

J. W. Heister
Notary Public

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Inability - Treatment in
service

Eldora Iowa Sept 28 /96
E. A. Blair
Coon Rapids Ia.

Dear Madam
Dr Underwood died two
years ago.

I hope you will be
able to get your pension
without his affidavit.

Yours respectfully
M. A. Underwood

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Evidence Claim

Escher & Blair

Witness of John

Blair of Co. H

9th La Cav

No 344885

Filed by Escher

& Blair of

Coon Rapids

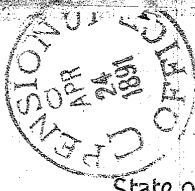


Burlington Ia. Oct 11th 96
Mrs E. A. Blair
Crown Rapids. Iowa,

My dear madam:

Yours of Sept 26th
just to hand. Am very sorry I
cannot give you the address of the
Surgeon of your regiment. The
Surgeon of your regiment was not
with Co. H when your husband
was sick so could not do you
any good. I have no recollection
of sickness of John Blair, nor
any records to show disability.
John was a good soldier and
ready & willing for duty and
suffered hands hips with others of
Co. H but I cannot single out
his particular disability. Any
comrade that served with him
will know more than I, and his
evidence is as good as mine -

3 Very truly C. A. Frick
late Capt Co. H 9th Iowa Inf.



Declaration for Widow's Pension.

(Act of June 27, 1890.)

(To be executed before a court of record, or some officer thereof having custody of the Seal.)

State of Iowa County of Carroll ss.

On this 17 day of April A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety one
personally appeared before me Geo. Leoney, a Notary Public of the

Court, the same being a Court of Record within and for the County and State
aforesaid, Ethel A. Blair aged 41 years, a resident of the
County of Carroll State of Iowa.

who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the
widow of John Blair, who enlisted under the name
of John Blair, at Indianapolis

on the 23 day of October, A. D. 1863, in Co. H
9th Regiment Iowa Cav. Vol.
(Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in military service, or vessel if in Navy.)

and served at least ninety days in the late war of the rebellion, who was Honorably Discharged February 3rd
1866 and died March 2nd 1891
(The cause of death need not be stated.)

That she was married under the name of Ethel A. Blair to
said John Blair on the 24 day
of March, 1870, by D. M. Mulford
at Providence, Iowa, there being no legal barrier to said marriage.

(If there was a former marriage of claimant or her husband, state it here and how dissolved.)

That she has not remarried since the death of the said John Blair
(Name of the soldier or sailor.)

That she is without other means of support than her daily labor; that names and dates of birth of all the children
now living under sixteen years of age of the soldier are as follows:

<u>Arnetta A. Blair</u>	, born <u>Aug 1st</u>	18 <u>77</u>
<u>Leir R. Blair</u>	, born <u>Jan 1st</u>	18 <u>80</u>
	, born	18
	, born	18
	, born	18
	, born	18

not
That she has heretofore applied for pension, and the number of her application is _____
(Be careful to fill this part of the blank correctly.)

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the
provisions of the act of June 27, 1890.

She hereby appoints Marion Glushko of Columbus State
of Indiana, her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim; that her post-office address
is Carroll Rapids County of Carroll State of Iowa.

Ethel A. Blair
(Claimant's signature.)

Attest: Geo. W. Bailey
Notary Public
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Also personally appeared L E Morris residing at Osceola Rapids Ia
Laura and A W Bailey residing
Osceola Rapids Iowa persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to
 credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw

the claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from
 the appearance of said claimant and an acquaintance with her of 13 years and 8 years, re-
 spectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution
 of this claim.

L E Morris
A W Bailey
 (Signature of witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of April A. D. 18 91; and

I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and ex-
 plained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words

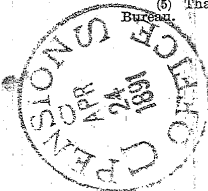
erased, and the words

L. S. added, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect
 in the prosecution of this claim.

John C. Carrol
 (Signature.)
Notary Public
 (Official character.)
Carroll Iowa

The act of June 27, 1890, requires in widow's case:

- (1) That the soldier served at least ninety days in the war of the rebellion, and was honorably discharged.
- (2) Proof of soldier's death (death cause need not have been due to army service.)
- (3) That widow is "without other means of support than her daily labor."
- (4) That widow was married to soldier prior to June 27, 1890, date of the act.
- (5) That all pensions under this act commence from date of receipt of application (executed after the passage of act) in Pension



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WIDOW'S CLAIM.

Claimant Ester A. Blair
 Soldier John Blair
 Service Co. "H"
9th Iowa, Cal.

ADDRESS
Osceola Rapids
Carroll Co Iowa

Attorney Maring & Dush
 Address Osceola, Ia
 Date of execution Apr 17/91

WIDOW'S PENSION. *Ct. 100.344885*

Claimant *Esther A. Blair,* Soldier *John Blair,*
P. O. *Coon Rapids,* Rank *Prb.*, Co. *H.*
County *Carroll*, State *Iowa.* Regiment *9 Iowa Vol. Cav.*
Rate, \$ *12.* per month, commencing *March 3*, 18*91*, and
and two dollars a month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.	{ Born, ... 18 }	Commencing 18
	{ Sixteen, ... 18 }	
	{ Born, ... 18 }	
	{ Sixteen, ... 18 }	
By last marriage.	{ Born, ... 18 }	" 18
	{ Sixteen, ... 18 }	
	{ Born, ... 18 }	
	{ Sixteen, ... 18 }	
By former marriage.	{ Born, <i>Aug. 1</i> , 18 <i>77</i> }	" <i>March 3</i> , 18 <i>91</i> .
	{ Sixteen, <i>July 31</i> , 18 <i>73</i> }	
	{ Born, <i>Jan. 1</i> , 18 <i>80</i> }	
	{ Sixteen, <i>Dec. 31</i> , 18 <i>75</i> }	
By last marriage.	{ Born, ... 18 }	" 18
	{ Sixteen, ... 18 }	
	{ Born, ... 18 }	
	{ Sixteen, ... 18 }	
By former marriage.	{ Born, ... 18 }	" 18
	{ Sixteen, ... 18 }	
	{ Born, ... 18 }	
	{ Sixteen, ... 18 }	

REJECTED
July 25, 1890.

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

All pension to terminate 18, date of

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name *Edgar J. Gaddis,* Fee \$ *2.50* Agent to pay.
P. O. *City* Articles filed *Sept 9*, 18*97*.

APPROVALS:

*Approved for rejection: No record of alleged father's disease & claimant has declared her inability to work & treatment in service. See also Soldier's inability affidavit as to treatment since submitted for rejection. *Oct. 28*, 18*97*. *Chas. E. Lane*, Examiner. *discharge**
Re "Consideration June 13, 1905. H. R. "M." California Ill. J. K. O.
Approved for; death resulted from
*Rejection on the ground of no record of father's disease, and claimant's inability to work & treatment in service. See also Soldier's inability affidavit as to treatment since submitted for rejection. *Oct. 28*, 18*97*. *Chas. E. Lane*, Examiner. *discharge**
try spread or annuities to former & legally widow to correct said deal
care with his military service
which has been legally accepted.

U. S. Robertson, Legal Reviewer. *July 11*, 18*90*.
W. Anglin, Re-Reviewer. *Oct 17*, 18*90*.
....., Medical Reviewer.
....., Medical Referee.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Enlisted <i>Oct. 24</i> , 18 <i>63</i> .	Invalid application filed <i>July 23</i> , 18 <i>75</i> .
Mustered 18	" " " " <i>(Reb. 18)</i> <i>Aug. 19</i> , 18 <i>90</i> .
Discharged <i>Feb. 3</i> , 18 <i>66</i> .	Invalid last paid to <i>March 2</i> , 18 <i>91</i> .
Died <i>March 2</i> , 18 <i>91</i> .	Former marriage of soldier <i>neither</i> , 18
Declaration filed <i>April 24</i> , 18 <i>91</i> .	Death of former wife 18
	Claimant's marriage to soldier <i>March 24</i> , 18 <i>70</i> .
	" " <i>not remarried</i> .

Clark writes No P. C.

(3-128 a.)

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

344885
Dec M.
Claimant Esther A Blair Soldier John Blair
P. O. Coon Rapids Rank Private, Co. H
County Carroll, State Iowa Regiment 9 Iowa Vol. Can.
Rate, \$8 per month, commencing April 24, 1891, and \$2 per month additional for each child, as follows:

Born, ...	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen, ...	18	Commencing	18
Born, <u>Aug. 1</u> , 1877		Commencing <u>April 24</u> , 1891	
Sixteen, <u>July 31</u> , 1893		Commencing	
Born, <u>Jan. 1</u> , 1882		Commencing <u>" 24</u> , 1891	
Sixteen, <u>Dec. 31</u> , 1896		Commencing	
Born, ...	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen, ...	18	Commencing	18
Born, ...	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen, ...	18	Commencing	18
Born, ...	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen, ...	18	Commencing	18
Born, ...	18	Commencing	18
Sixteen, ...	18	Commencing	18

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

All pension to terminate, 189..., date of

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Maring & Shuster, Columbus, Ind.
Name Rufus B. Tucker Fee \$ 10, Agent to pay.
P. O. Coon Rapids, Iowa Articles Filed none, 189...

APPROVALS:

Submitted for Admission, Aug 20, 1892, Chas B. Miso, Examiner.
Approved for Admission

Sept. 4, 1891, A. C. Burrman, Legal Reviewer.
The soldier was pensioned at \$ 6 per month for Inj. to breast & spinal priory
Enlisted Oct. 24, 1863, Soldier's app'n filed Orig. July 23, 1875
honorably disch'd Feb 3, 1866, Clt's app'n under other laws Apr. 24, 1891
Re-enlisted, 18, Former marriage of either, none, 18
honorably disch'd, 18, Death of former none, 18
Died March 2, 1891, Clt's marriage to soldier March 24, 1890
Declaration filed April 24, 1891, Clt not remarried, 18

Claimant is now without other means of support than her daily labor.
clerk writes.

wd 510 282
[3-216 a.]

Ex'r.
In Cg No *371499*
Act of June 27, 1896.

John Blair
P.O. *Coon Rapids*
Carroll Iowa
Service: *H. 9 Iowa Cav.*

Enlisted: _____, 18
Discharged: _____, 18
Application filed: *Aug 19*, 18
Alleges: _____

Any other Claim filed *371499*

Numerical No. *362409*

Attorney: *Reuben B. Tucker*
P.O. *Coon Rapids Iowa*
Recognized. _____ Contract. _____

Cert. of Dis. Searched for _____, 18
wmc (2917-60,000.)

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION.

No. 384,883

3-594.

Claimant *John Blair* Department of the Interior,
 Soldier *John Blair* BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
 Co. *A-9* Reg't *4* *Lea*
 Enlisted *Oct 7*, 18 *63*
 Discharged *July*, 18 *66* Washington, D. C., *FEB 3* 189*9*

Mr. *Isaac Abbott*
New Market
Iowa

SIR:

To aid this Bureau in the settlement of the above-described claim for pension, you are requested to answer the questions noted below.

You will please fill out, sign, and return this circular, even though you do not remember the soldier or that he was wounded, disabled, or diseased in the service.

The enclosed official envelope for your reply requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

W. H. Brandt
 Commissioner.

Q. Do you remember the soldier,
 as a member of your company?

Ans. *Yes*

Q. Do you remember that he suffered with any wound, injury, or disease while in service?

Ans. *No*

Q. If you do remember any such wound, injury, or disease, state the nature of same.

Ans.

(Signature:)

Isaac W. Abbott

(Address:)

Clarinda

(In cities, street and number.)

Iowa

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION.

No. *344,885*

3-594.

Claimant *John Blair* Department of the Interior,
 Soldier *Co. 9* Reg't *1st* BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
 Enlisted *Feb*, 18. *63*
 Discharged *July*, 18. *66* Washington, D. C., *183* 3 *1892*, 189.

Mr. *Thomas Salisbury*
Lamoni Iowa

SIR:

To aid this Bureau in the settlement of the above-described claim for pension, you are requested to answer the questions noted below.

You will please fill out, sign, and return this circular, even though you do not remember the soldier or that he was wounded, disabled, or diseased in the service.

The enclosed official envelope for your reply requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

McKay Grand
 Commissioner.

Q. Do you remember the soldier, *John Blair*
 as a member of your company?

Ans. *Yes*

Q. Do you remember that he suffered with any wound, injury, or disease while in service?

Ans. *No*

Q. If you do remember any such wound, injury, or disease, state the nature of same.

Ans. _____

(Signature:)

Thomas Salisbury
Lamoni
 (In cities, street and number.)
Iowa

(Address:)

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION.

No. 344885

3-594.

Claimant John Blair Department of the Interior,
Soldier Co. 9 Reg't Ia Cav BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
Enlisted Oct 7, 1863
Discharged July, 1866 Washington, D. C., _____, 189

Mr. Samuel W. Hoeye
Adel Iowa

Sir:

To aid this Bureau in the settlement of the above-described claim for pension, you are requested to answer the questions noted below.

You will please fill out, sign, and return this circular, even though you do not remember the soldier or that he was wounded, disabled, or diseased in the service.

The enclosed official envelope for your reply requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

McKay Brand
Commissioner.

Q. Do you remember the soldier,
as a member of your company?

Ans. yes i remember John Blair

Q. Do you remember that he suffered with any wound, injury, or disease while in service?

Ans. no i dont of him of his wound or disease

Q. If you do remember any such wound, injury, or disease, state the nature of same.

Ans. _____

(Signature:) Samuel W. Hoeye

(Address:) Adel
(In cities, street and number.)

Dallas, Co

Iowa

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION.

No. 344,885

3-594.

Claimant *John Blair* Department of the Interior,
 Soldier *Co. 9* Reg't *1st* BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
 Enlisted *Sept*, 18 *63*
 Discharged *July*, 18 *66* Washington, D. C., *Feb 3* 1898, 189

Mr. *W. F. Thusted*
Murray Iowa

SIR:

To aid this Bureau in the settlement of the above-described claim for pension, you are requested to answer the questions noted below.

You will please fill out, sign, and return this circular, even though you do not remember the soldier or that he was wounded, disabled, or diseased in the service.

The enclosed official envelope for your reply requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

McKay Brand
 Commissioner.

Q. Do you remember the soldier, *John Blair*
 as a member of your company?

Ans. *yes*

Q. Do you remember that he suffered with any wound, injury, or disease while in service?

Ans. *yes*

Q. If you remember any such wound, injury, or disease, state the nature of same.

Ans. *He had the ague at great deal*
and the fever

(Signature:) *W. F. Thusted*

(Address:) _____
 (In cities, street and number.)

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION.

No. *344,885*

3-594.

Claimant *John Blair* Department of the Interior,
 Soldier *John Blair* BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
 Co. *H-9* Reg't *1st*
 Enlisted *Oct*, 18 *63*
 Discharged *July*, 18 *66* Washington, D. C., *5 10*, 189

Mr. *Mercelous E Black*
Sol House

SIR:

To aid this Bureau in the settlement of the above-described claim for pension, you are requested to answer the questions noted below.

You will please fill out, sign, and **return** this circular, **even though you do not remember the soldier** or that he was wounded, disabled, or diseased in the service.

The enclosed official envelope for your reply **requires no stamp.**

Very respectfully,

May Brand
 Commissioner.

Q. Do you remember the soldier, *John Blair*
 as a member of your company?

Ans. *Yes*

Q. Do you remember that he suffered with any wound, injury, or disease while in service?

Ans. *Indistinctly I remember that he was seriously ill*

Q. If you do remember any such wound, injury, or disease, state the nature of same.

Ans. *It has been so long ago & having nothing at hand to refresh my memory I cannot say what the nature of his illness or disease was*

(Signature:) *Mercelous E Black*

(Address:) *3900 State Street*
(In cities, street and number)
Chicago Illinois

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION.

No. *344,885*

3-594.

Claimant *John Blair* Department of the Interior,
 Soldier *John Blair* BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
 Co. *9* Reg't *Iowa*
 Enlisted *Oct 63*, 18 *63* Washington, D. C., FEB 3 1903
 Discharged *July 66*, 18 *66*, 189.

Mr. *Samuel C. Earleton*
Rockville Iowa
 SIR:

To aid this Bureau in the settlement of the above-described claim for pension, you are requested to answer the questions noted below.

You will please fill out, sign, and return this circular, even though you do not remember the soldier or that he was wounded, disabled, or diseased in the service.

The enclosed official envelope for your reply requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

W. H. Brand
 Commissioner.

Q. Do you remember the soldier,
 as a member of your company?

Ans. *yes. Co. 9. Reg. Iowa 63. Volunteer.*

Q. Do you remember that he suffered with any wound, injury, or disease while in service?

Ans. *not distinctly*

Q. If you do remember any such wound, injury, or disease, state the nature of same.

Ans. _____

(Signature:) _____

(Address:) _____
 (In cities, street and number.)

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION.

No. 344,885

3-594.

Claimant *John Blair* Department of the Interior,
 Soldier *Co. 9 Reg't 1st* BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
 Enlisted *Feb 18 63*
 Discharged *July 18 66* Washington, D. C., *Feb 2 1895*, 189

Mr. *Wm. Coon*
 Sir: *Osceola Iowa*

To aid this Bureau in the settlement of the above-described claim for pension, you are requested to answer the questions noted below.

You will please fill out, sign, and return this circular, even though you do not remember the soldier or that he was wounded, disabled, or diseased in the service.

The enclosed official envelope for your reply requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

McKay Brandt
 Commissioner.

Q. Do you remember the soldier, *John Blair*
 as a member of your company?

Ans. *Yes, I know him.*

Q. Do you remember that he suffered with any wound, injury, or disease while in service?

Ans. *No - I cannot remember any now.*

Q. If you do remember any such wound, injury, or disease, state the nature of same.

Ans. *He had weak lungs, and had no chest on him at all.*

(Signature:) *William Coon*

(Address:) *Osceola*
 (In cities, street and number.)

Iowa

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SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION.

No. 344,885

3-594.

Claimant *John Blair* Department of the Interior,
Soldier *John Blair* BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
Co. *4* Reg't *1st*
Enlisted *Oct*, 18 *63*
Discharged *Feb*, 18 *66* Washington, D. C., *FEB 3 1866*, 189

Mr. *Joseph Marshall*
New Market
Iowa

SIR:

To aid this Bureau in the settlement of the above-described claim for pension, you are requested to answer the questions noted below.

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The enclosed official envelope for your reply requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

McKay Brand
Commissioner.

Q. Do you remember the soldier, *John Blair*
as a member of your company?

Ans. *Yes*

Q. Do you remember that he suffered with any wound, injury, or disease while in service?

Ans. *Yes*

Q. If you do remember any such wound, injury, or disease, state the nature of same.

Ans. *I remember that he was ailing at times but do not remember the cause or his troubles*

(Signature:) *Joseph Marshall*

(Address:) *New Market*
(In cities, street and number.)
Iowa

SPECIAL EXAMINATION DIVISION.

No. 344,885

3-594.

Claimant *John Blair* Department of the Interior,
Soldier *Reg't 9* BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
Enlisted *Feb*, 18 *63*
Discharged *July*, 18 *66* Washington, D. C., FEB 3 1899, 189

Mr. *David Smith*
Osceola Iowa
SIR:

To aid this Bureau in the settlement of the above-described claim for pension, you are requested to answer the questions noted below.

You will please fill out, sign, and return this circular, even though you do not remember the soldier or that he was wounded, disabled, or diseased in the service.

The enclosed official envelope for your reply requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

McKay Grand
Commissioner.

Q. Do you remember the soldier, *John Blair*
as a member of your company?

Ans. *yes*

Q. Do you remember that he suffered with any wound, injury, or disease while in service?

Ans. *I dont remember distinctly*

Q. If you do remember any such wound, injury, or disease, state the nature of same.

Ans. *It has been so long ago
that my memory has failed
on a great many details of our service*

(Signature:) *David Smith*

(Address:) *Osceola*
(In cities, street and number.)

Exceed

EX-1 INVALID.

NO 217614

Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

John Blair
 P. O. *Carroll, Hardin Co. Iowa*
 Service: *Priv. Co. "H" 9th Iowa Cav.*

Enlisted *Oct 27th*, 1863.
 Discharged: *Feb. 3rd*, 1866.

Application filed: *July 23rd*, 1873.

Alleges: *he was killed in the chest by a horse at Washington Ark. Sept. 14th 1865 & 1864.*

Re-enlisted: _____

Attorney: *E. M. Eastman*
 P. O. *Eldora*
Hardin Co. Iowa

Recognized. _____ Contract _____

No Cert. of Dis. Searched for *September 1875*

to City for R. George affd.
Physicians affd.

Oct. 16/75 Offs. affd.

" " " Treatment

" " " ~~Dr. Hunsack, Catara, Iowa.~~

July 24/76 ~~At. in Private.~~

Off. off.

Reg. Surgeon -

Soundness.

June 17/76 ~~J. L.~~

Time circumstances

Off. oph.

Reg. Surg.

Soundness.

Dec 12/77

off. Mh.

Reg. Surgeon.

Soundness.

Treatment.

Time + circumstances

May 21/78

~~At. in Private.~~

Time, place + circumstances

Off. Mh.

Reg. Surgeon.

Treatment.

Discharge, at the to clerk

Locality

OFFICE OF AUDITOR FOR
INTERIOR DEPT.

NOV 1 1900

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CHIEF OF

Pension Division

Ex'r.

accy. *W. W.*
Div. *With Wm. C. 371.499*
Esther A. Ward
John V. Blair
W. J. Java Cad.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C.,

Oct 30, 1890

SIR:

Delala

10-30-1900

For use in the above-entitled claim for pension, you are requested to furnish this Bureau with a report showing at what rate and to what date payment was last made in the case of *soldier above named*, who died *march 2, 1891*. Was payment made to soldier at the rate of *6 per month* from *Oct. 2, 1887*. It is claimed he *never received the pension*. certificate No. *371.499*. *See Momen Agency.*

Very respectfully,

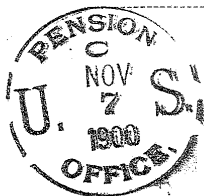
Hon. The Auditor
J. J. For
Interior Dept.

J. J. For
actg. Commissioner.

REPORT.

Payment made to include _____, 189____
at \$_____ per month. Payment was discontinued on the _____
day of _____, 189____, because of the _____

Ud-
Died 2 mch 91. Pd Nov 92
Let April 91, 189____



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PENSION DIVISION.
FORM 432.—Ed. 1 27 1900 23000.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE
AUDITOR FOR THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT,

Nov. 6 1900

To the Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir: In reply to your letter of *Oct. 31* in case of
John Blair Certificate *371.499*.

Des Moines Agency, *Ind.* Roll,

you are informed that the records of this Office show *last* payment
to have been made at *12* per month in *November 1892*
to *March 2. 1891*, date of death.

Paid to Dec 4. 1890 at 2%. From Aug. 19.
1890 to March 2. 1891 at 12% deducting pay-
ments at 2%.

No. payment of reunion at 6% from
Oct 2. 1888, appears to have been made.

Letter herewith returned.

Respectfully,



Wm. H. Ford.

Auditor.

9/10

btf 371.409

INVALID PENSION.

Restoration of Supplemental Pay to widow + terminate pension.
~~REISSUE TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL DISABILITY.~~

Pensioner *John Blair, decid. Esther W. Blair, widow*
 Widow P. O. *Shidden* Rank, *Private*

Company, *H.*

State, *Iowa.* Regiment, *9. Iowa Vol. Cav.*

Rate, \$ *6* per month, commencing *October 2, 1888.* *ending*

August 18, 1890 by reason of allowance of a higher rate under Act June 27, 1890.

deduct payments under general law covering this period - Soldier died March 2, 1891

Pensioned for *Injury of breast from kick of horse + malarial poisoning.* RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, *None* Fee, \$ _____; Agent _____ to pay.

Articles filed _____, 18 _____

APPROVALS.

Approved for _____ Submitted *Nov. 17, 1900.* Examiner. *C.*

Approved for *Injury to breast from kick of horse + malarial poisoning, (new disability) to begin October 2, 1888.* *Restoration and supplemental to allow additional disability. Pension to end August 18, 1890, dating allowance under Act of June 27, 1890 - and pay widow as above.* *Incom. pending*

Approved for *Injury of breast from kick of horse 2/18* *malarial poisoning 4/18*

Nov. 23, 1900 *Legal Reviewer.*
Gov. 30, 1900 *Re-Reviewer.*

Med. Ex'r. *Med. Reviewer.*
Dec. 13, 1900 *Med. Referee.*

HISTORY OF CLAIMS AND FORMER ACTION.

Discharged *February 3, 1866* Last paid to _____ at \$ *2*
 Pensioned from *February 4, 1866*, at \$ *2*, for *injury to breast from kick of a horse.*
Incom. rej. March 10, 1890.

Original declaration filed *July 23, 1875*; alleged *injury to chest by kick of a horse.*
 " " *July 19, 1879*; " " " " *+ g. a. w. of hips.*
 Declaration filed *Oct. 2, 1888*; alleged *malarial poisoning, resulting in chr. diarr. dis. of urinary organs and rheumatism.*
Annual Dec. filed Oct. 9, 1888. same as that filed Oct. 2, 1888.
 Arrears allowed from _____, 18 _____, to _____, 18 _____, at \$ _____

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed *Oct. 2, 1888*, same as above, same date.
 " " *April 28, 1890* *Incom + chr. diarr. dis. of urinary organs and rheumatism.*

Mo M. Co.

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Widow writes

(3-145.)

Proctor & Inc. *Mr. C. 371.449*
INVALID PENSION.
Pay widow & terminate pension.

Claimant *John Blair & Co. Esther C. Blair, widow*

P.O., *Shedden* Rank, *Private*
 County, *Carroll* Company, *26*
 State, *Iowa* Regiment, *9" Iowa Vol. Cav.*

Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____

Disabled by _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Not Name, _____ Fee \$ _____, Agent _____ to pay.
 P.O., *None* Articles filed _____, 18 _____

APPROVALS:

Submitted for *ad Nov. 17*, 1900. *Selak*, Examiner.
 Approved for _____ Approved for _____
 _____, 1 _____, Legal Reviewer. _____, 1 _____, Medical Referee.

Enlisted Oct. 24, 1863.
Discharged July 3, 1866. Last paid to date of death at \$12 (M. Law)
Pensioned from August 19, 1890, at \$12, for Inj. to breast mal.
poisoning, various veins of left leg & dis. of urinary organs.
Original declaration filed July 23, 1895, alleged Inj. to chest from Kid of a horse.
" " July 19, 1879 " " caused G. W. of hip.

Pensioned from Feb 4/66 at \$2 for Inj. to breast from Kid of a horse.

Arrears allowed from _____, 18 _____, to _____, 18 _____, at \$ _____

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed *Oct. 2 & 9*, 1888, *alleged mal. poisoning, and res.*
chron. diarr. dis. of urinary organs, and rheumatism.
Wid. writes *No m.c.*

[3-560.]

APPLICATION FOR ACCRUED PENSION. (WIDOWS.)

State of Iowa County of Carroll SS:

On this 28th day of March 1897, personally appeared Esther A Blair who, being duly sworn, declares that she is the lawful widow of John Blair, deceased, that he died on the second day of March 1897, that he had been granted a pension by Certificate No. 371499 which is herewith returned (or if not, state why not)

that he had been paid the pension by the Pension Agent at Des Moines Ia up to the 4th day of December 1897 after which date he had not been employed or paid in the Army, Navy, or Marine service of the United States except

that she was married to the said John Blair on the 24th day of March 1890 at Princeton P Hurdin Co in the State of Iowa that her name before said marriage was Esther A Blair that she had (or had not) been previously married, that her husband had (or had not) been previously married, that she hereby makes application for the pension which had accrued on aforesaid certificate to the date of death, and that her residence is No.

street City of Coon Rapids County of Carroll State of Iowa and her Post-office address is Coon Rapids Iowa

(Widow's signature) Esther A Blair
Also personally appeared Emma Weir residing at Richd Coon Rapids and A G Smith residing at Coon Rapids who, being duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Esther A Blair sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration, that they know her to be the lawful widow of John Blair who died on the 2d day of March 1897, and that their means of knowledge that said parties were husband and wife, and that the husband died on said date, are as follows:

We know her all her life and
men present when John Blair
died

(Signature of witnesses) Emma Weir
A G Smith
Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 28th day of March 1897, and I certify that the affiants are reputable persons, that they know the contents of their depositions, and that their statements are entitled to full faith and credit. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the above claim.

(Signature) Rufus B Tucker
(Official character) Notary Public
in and for Carroll Co Iowa

State of _____, County of _____, SS: _____

I, _____, Clerk of the _____ Court of the _____ County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that _____

is _____, duly commissioned and qualified; that his commission was dated _____ on the _____ day of _____, 18____, and will expire on the _____ day of _____, 18____, and that his signature within written is genuine.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court this _____ day of _____, 18____.

Clerk.

When the amount of accrued pension is large, the following evidence of marriage should accompany the application for accrued pension:

1. A duly verified copy of a church or other public record; or
2. The affidavit of the clergyman or magistrate who officiated; or
3. The testimony of two or more eye-witnesses of the ceremony.

If, prior to the marriage of the widow and the pensioner, either of them had been married to another party, the death of said party, or divorce from the same must be proved.

This application and the blank voucher herewith should be properly executed and forwarded to the Commissioner of Pensions.

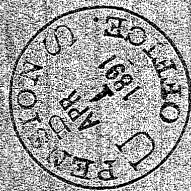
It is desirable that the witnesses should be able to write their own names; if not, their marks should be witnessed.

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APPLICATION FOR ACCRUED PENSION.

WIDOWS.

Widow No. 37/499
 John Blair
 H. G. Blair



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The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim.

Name and rank of claimant.

Claimant's post office address.

Pension Claim No.

, Rank,

Company

Reg't

(Post office address of the Board.)

State,

(Date of examination.)

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law* we have carefully examined

this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz:

Cause of disability.

If pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line.

and that he receives a pension of _____ dollars per month.

Pulse rate per minute, 124; respiration, 20; temperature, 99; height, 5 feet, 9 1/2 inches; weight, 157 pounds; age, 44 years.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for:

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

Breast hurts so cant get around more than one third of the time cant lift anything or use plow have to ride the plow. the picking on arms cause so much pain in breast. No claim on wound.

Here give a full symptom picture of the case, embracing all the physical and rational signs, but confining it to the present condition of the claimant.

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to give an opinion as to the proportionate degree of disability, as to total, &c., through the grades, without any regard to other cost, and to make such a full particular description as will afford to this Office the ground for intelligent opinion and action in rating.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: On inspection we find no cicatrix on breast but there is a difference in the sides the right side being 3/4 to 1 inch larger than the left there is a slight lateral curvature of spine to right side. He habitually uses the abdominal muscles for breathing & there is an absence of the respiratory murmur all over both lungs unless he takes a deep breath when murmur appears normal. Percussion normal. Chest measures 36 in. at rest 37 1/4 on full inspiration cant make out more than 1 1/4 expansion. He claims tenderness about the hyphoid cartilage. No disease of lungs or pleura heart sounds normal but very rapid pulse 124 while being examined. his tongue is very large & red. He owns to dyspepsia. his general condition is fair. Although the chest is deformed from the existing condition and the history of this complaint, as stated by himself, it is, in our judgment, we believe it can hardly have arisen from the alleged kick of a horse on the breast-bone. not been prolonged or aggravated by vicious habits. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a rating for the disability caused by _____ for that caused by _____

Rate for each cause of disability.

If prolonged by vicious habits, the word should be erased and the reason for the measure given.

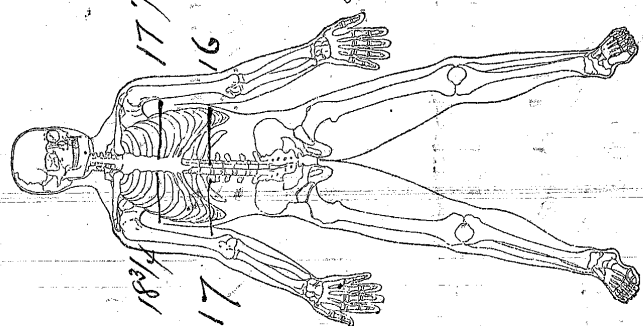
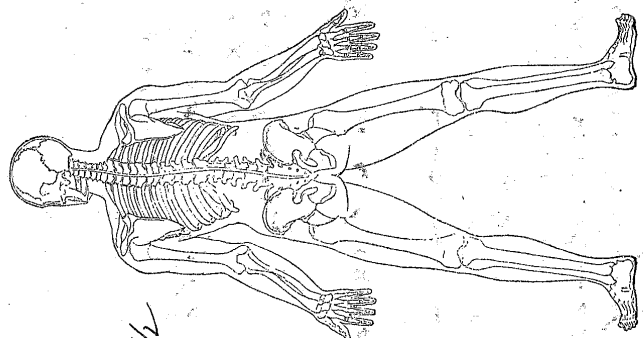
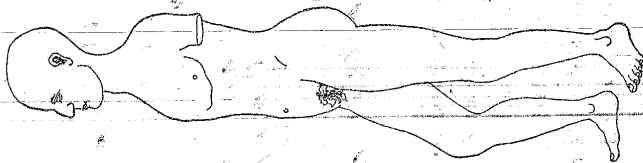
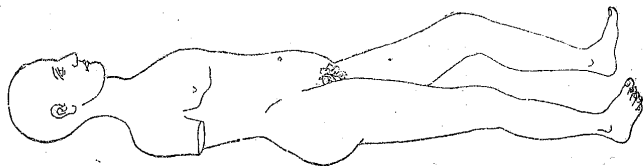
by _____ caused by _____

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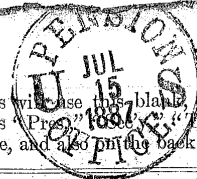
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Pres. _____ Sec'y. _____

N.B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.



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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

John Blair
Co. *H 9*, Reg't. *24 Kan.*
Applicant for *Original*

No. *207614*

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

July 6, 188*7*
W. C. Egan, Pres.,
W. C. Egan, Secy.,
W. C. Egan, Treas., } BOARD.

Post office, *Atlantic*
County, *Cass*
State, *Iowa*

P. S. Write your Post-Office address plainly and in full.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [Extract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 26, 1882.]

Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim.

Name and rank of claimant.

Claimant's post office address.

Pension Claim No.

, Rank,

(Post office address of the Board.)

(Date of examination.)

Increase Pension Claim No. *371499*
John Blais, Rank, *Private*
 Company *H*, *5th* Reg't *In Can* *Carroll* *Id* State,
Coon Rapids *Aug 29*, 188*8*.

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law* we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz:

Cause of disability.

If a pensioner, fill in the amount, if not, cross the whole line.

Injury of Breast and Ribs of hip
 and that he receives a pension of *Two* dollars per month.
 Pulse rate per minute, *72*; respiration, *20*; temperature, *98 1/2*; height, *5*
 feet *8 1/2* inches; weight, *132* pounds; age, *41* years.

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for *Increase*
I am very weak across breast.
I can scarcely lift anything on
account of injury to breast. My
hips do not disable me much

Here give a full symptom picture of the case, embracing all the physical and rational signs, but confining it to the present condition of the claimant.

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to give an opinion as to the proportionate degree of disability, as a total, &c., through the grades, without any regard to dollars and cents, and to make such a full particular description as will afford to this Office the ground for intelligent opinion and action in rating.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions:
Applicant - locates pain over left
trachearter. There is no visible evidence
of injury no limitation of motion
in hip for knee joints no atrophy
Breast - Measure of chest at forced
expiration 37 in at forced
expiration 34 in Auscultation and
percussion give us no evidence
of disease of lungs. We notice a
very slight flattening in left mammary
region. Applicant locates injury
and resulting pain in this region.
Rotation app. muscular cont
good

Rate for each cause of disability. If prolonged by vicious habits, the word "should be" erased and the reason for the measure given.

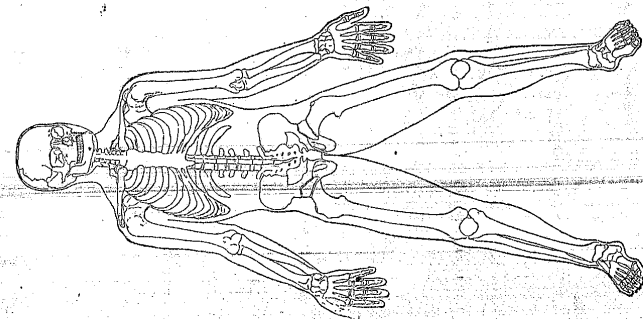
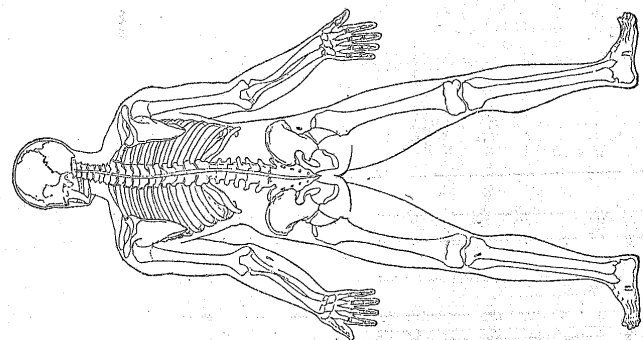
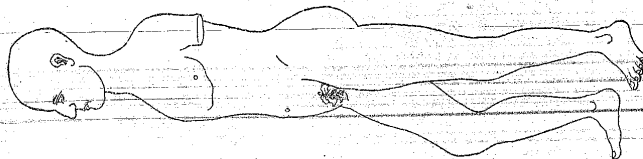
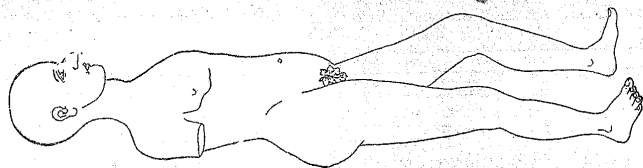
From the existing condition and the history of this claimant, as stated by himself, it is, in our judgment, *probable* that the disability was incurred in the service as he claims, and that it has not been prolonged or aggravated by vicious habits. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a *2/18* rating for the disability caused by *injury to breast*, *None* for that caused by *Ribs of hip*, and *caused by*

* See the back.

* Here state whether for original, increase, restoration, or renewal, or for a re-rating.

W. C. Jones, Pres. *W. J. Davis*, Secy. *J. J. Dushler*, Treas.

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

John Blair

Co. *H*, 9th *Inf* Reg't

Applicant for *discharge*

No. *371499*

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

Aug 29, 188*8*

H. Jones, Pres.,

H. Jones, Sec'y,

J. J. Deshler, Treas.,

BOARD.

Post office,

County,

State,

P. S. Write your Post-Office address plainly and in full.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [Extract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.]

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The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim. *Increase* Pension Claim No. *371499*
 Name and rank of claimant. *John Blair*, Rank, *Private*
 Company *16th Regt. Ia Cav.* *Carroll Iowa* State,
 Claimant's post office address. *Coon Rapids Minn* (Post office address of the Board.)
Dec 5th, 188*8*. (Date of examination.)

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law* we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz:

Cause of disability. *Injury to Breast gunshot wound of*
Left Malarial poisoning diarrhoea & disuse of
urinary organs - and that he receives a pension of *Two* dollars per month.
 If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, cross the whole line.
 Pulse rate per minute, *80*; respiration, *20*; temperature, *98 1/2*; height, *5*
 feet *8* inches; weight, *147* pounds; age, *41* years.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for *Increase*
I am pensioned on injury to breast. I
contracted malarial disease at Duval's Bluffs
Ark. about May or June 1864. resulting in
diarrhoea. My kidneys have been affected
ever since. I am usually constipated but during
warm weather I have frequent spells of diarrhoea
disease of kidneys cause pain in back. Pass water nearly
every hour in small quantities at times mixed with
blood.
 Upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

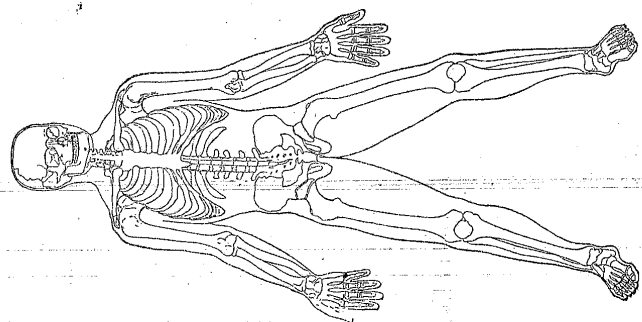
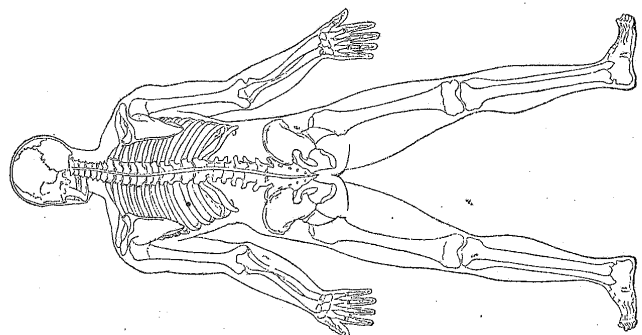
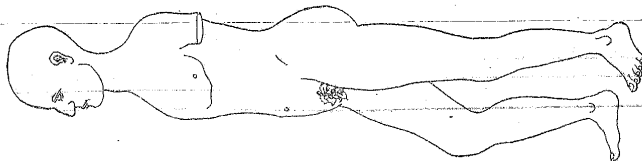
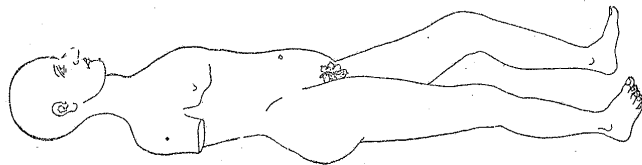
Here give a full symptom picture of the case, embracing all the physical and rational signs, but confining it to the present condition of the claimant.
In breast we find a slight depression of
left side. Measurement of chest at full
inspiration 37 1/2 at full expiration 35 in
we find no lesion in lungs. Heart is
normal. Pain at hipoid appendix
bowels normal - Kidney - normal
urine heavy loaded with phosphates
otherwise normal - Objective subjective
condition of pain in lumbar region -
we find no evidence of injury to
left - we discover no evidence of chronic
diarrhoea
Nutrition good -

From the existing condition and the history of this claimant, as stated by himself, it is, in our judgment, *probable* that the disability was incurred in the service as he claims, and that it has not been prolonged or aggravated by vicious habits. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a *4/18* rating for the disability caused by *injury to breast & malarial poisoning* for that caused by *dis. of kidneys*, and *none* caused by *dis. of kidneys*.

Rate for each cause of disability. If prolonged by vicious habits, the word *not* should be erased and the reason for the erasure given.

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

John Blair

Co. *4th* Reg't *La Cav*

Applicant for *Increase*

No. *371499*

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

Dec 5th, 188*8*.

W. C. Jones, Pres.,
W. C. Jones, Sec'y,
J. J. Deshler, Treas.,
BOARD.

Post office, *Carroll*

County, *Carroll*

State, *Iowa*

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Insert character and number of claim. Increase Pension Claim No. 371.499
[State above whether for original, increase, or restoration.]
 Name and rank of claimant. John Blair, Rank, Private
 Company H, 9 Reg't Iowa Cav State, Iowa
 Claimant's post-office address. Coon Rapids Pa [Post-office address of the Board.] June 11, 1890.
[Date of examination.]

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred

Cause of disability. in the service, viz: Injury to breast, Malarial poison
Chronic diarrhoea Disease of Kidneys & rheumatism
 and that he receives a pension of two (2) dollars per month.

If pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line.

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Increase
Injury to breast. At Washington Ark in fall of
1865, Malarial poison at "Dural" Bluff Ark
in spring of 1864 and Chronic diarrhoea & dis-
ease of Kidneys at same place - Rheumatism
at Gardendale Ark

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with pars. 5, 6, 51, 52, &c., of Book of Instructions for 1889

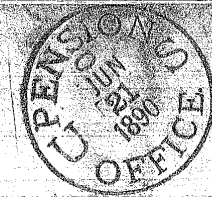
Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 80; respiration, 20; temperature, 98.4; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 157 pounds; age, 42 years. Heart lungs liver & Kidneys
normal - slight enlargement of spleen.
No indications of any injury to breast.
Measurement of Chest at rest 35. expira-
tion 33 1/2, inspiration 36
Chronic diarrhoea. Bowels not tender or tym-
pantic, no indications of any diarrhoea
No indications of rheumatism -
Varicose veins of the left leg on its inter-
nal & posterior surfaces -
Test of urine Spec. 1020, slightly alkali &
contains Mucus. Slightly enlarged pros-
tratic gland - Hoas Cystitis -
All the other organs of the body normal

Rate for EACH cause of disability.

He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 7/8
 rating for the disability caused by Malarial poison 7/8 for that caused
 by Varicose veins, and 7/8 for that caused by
Cystitis

W. H. Trout, Pres. P. A. Mouser, Sec'y. A. H. C. S.

Outline not
to be
used here.



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

John Pelair
Co. 16, 9 Reg't Powder Can.

Applicant for Increased

No. 371,499

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

June 11, 1890.

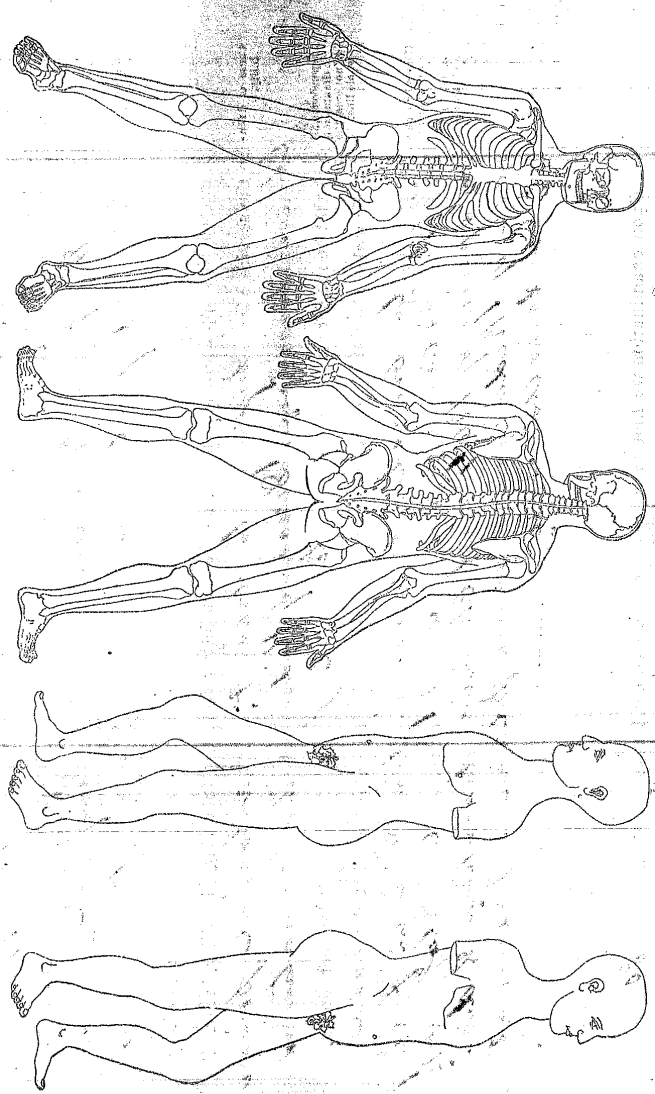
A. W. Edwards Pres.,
R. J. Turner Sec'y, BOARD.
A. J. Potts Treas.

Post office, Pring

County, Dallas Co

State, Owasa

P. S.—Write your Post-office address plainly and in full.



Single surgeons will use this blank, changing "we" to read "I" and "our" to read "my." They will erase the words "Pres.," "Sec'y.," "Treas.," and "Board" where the words appear, and sign at the foot of the certificate, and also on the back of the same.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [Ex-tract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.]

W. W. G. (3-105.)

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

June 15, 1887.

Nature of Claim *Original*

No. *207,614,*

Soldier: *John Blair*

Service: *Pat. Geo. H., 9 Iowa Cav.*

It is desired in this case that the examination be made with special reference to—

*Injury of breast, from
kick of horse and
g. s.w. of hips*

*Please examine this
man minutely and with
extra care and describe
clearly all physical
and rational signs of
injury & disease that
may exist. See Para.
74, 76, 77 & 89, Instructions
of 1884, & comply therewith.
Are there any cicatrices marking
site of injury? Give the con-
dition of the chest walls as
shown by inspection, pal-
pation & comparative bi-
lateral measurements.
Notice especially whether
there is any abnormality*

Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE,

_____, 188 .

Nature of Claim _____

No. _____

Soldier: _____

Service: _____

It is desired in this case that the examination be made with special reference to—

*of right side. Is there evidence
of fracture of ribs? Is there
any attendant disease of
pleural, lungs or heart?*

Rate separately.

*Note actual weight &
weight & general physical
condition.*

JOHN CAMPBELL,

Medical Referee

THE SURGEON WILL DETACH THIS SLIP FROM THE "ORDER" AND RETURN IT WITH THE CERTIFICATE OF THE EXAMINATION.

These special instructions are forwarded for your information, and when the claimant reports you will read them carefully before making an examination, and return them with your certificate.

Very respectfully,

JOHN CAMPBELL,
Medical Referee.

Dr. *Bd Atlantic*
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EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

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IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 207,614State: Iowa County: Howard
Post Office: Eldora November 30th, 1875.

Applicant's service.

I hereby certify, That I have carefully examined
John Blain, late a Private
Co. H., 9th Reg't, Iowa Cavalry
in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an
invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from an injury
to chest

Degree of disability.

In my opinion the said John Blain
is One half incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence
by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before
me, it is my belief that the said disability did not originate
in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable duration.

The disability is Permanent (most likely)
A more particular description of the applicant's condition is
subjoined:

Particular description.

Height, 5 ft - 9 in; weight, 125 ¹/₂; complexion, light;
age, 30 years; pulse, 72; respiration, 22

I find evidence of sixth & seventh ribs right sides
having been detached from sternum. There is con-
siderable depression at that point. Respiration
and sound both abnormal in lower third right
lung. Applicant is Anemic. Muscles soft & atrophied
he says he was kicked by a horse on the place
mentioned, which induced hemorrhage, and
that he has since been troubled with pain in chest
and frequent hemoptyses. Compelling him often
to desist from his usual work

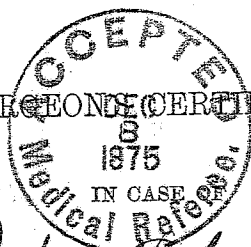
I rate his disability at Four (4) Dollars per month

John H. Leucke M.D.
Examining Surgeon.

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Johns Blair

Co. *No.*, *9th* reg't, *Some Cavalry*

APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

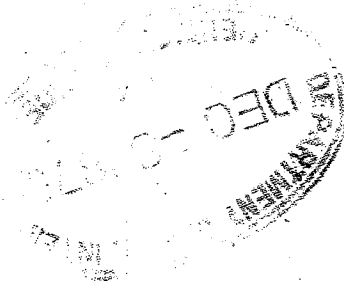
No. *207,614*

DATE OF EXAMINATION,

November 30th 1875

J. H. Leusack M.D.

Examining Surgeon.



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EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

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IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, ~~157,448~~ 207,614

State: Illinois County: McDonald

Post Office: Eldora March 12th, 1877

I hereby certify, That I have carefully examined John Blair, late a Private Co. 76., 9th Reg't, Illinois Cavalry in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from an injury to chest

Applicant's service.

Degree of disability.

In my opinion the said John Blair is Totally incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before me, it is my belief that the said disability did originate in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable duration.

The disability is Permanent

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

Particular description.

Height, 5 9 $\frac{1}{2}$; weight, 130^{lbs}; complexion, light; age, 34; pulse, 76; respiration, 28

I find depression of the sternal end of the ribs on right side from the fourth down, lower half right lung (W's) dull sound. Respiration inaudible, lung seems hepatized.

Applicant states that his disability originated from being kicked by a horse whilst in Cavalry service, that he has constant shortness of breath, a troublesome cough and frequent hemoptysis

I rate his disability at eight (8) Dollars

per month

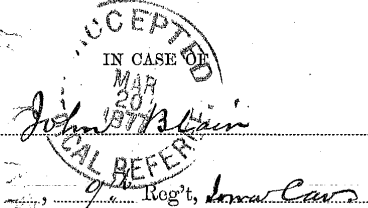
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John A. Leusath M.D.
Examining Surgeon

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1 SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 1



PLICATION FOR PENSION.

No. ~~157-188~~ 207614

DATE OF EXAMINATION,

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John H. Leisack M.D.

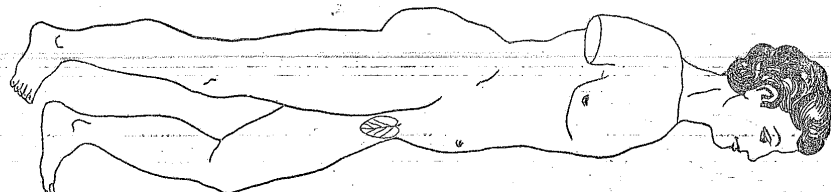
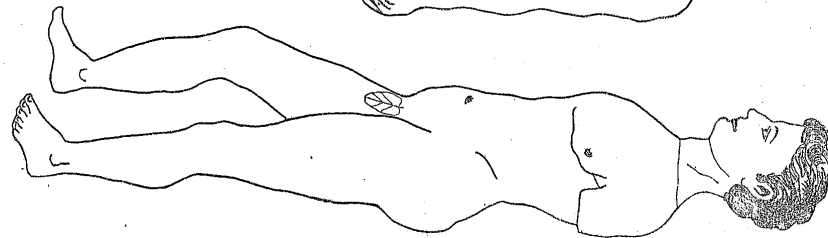
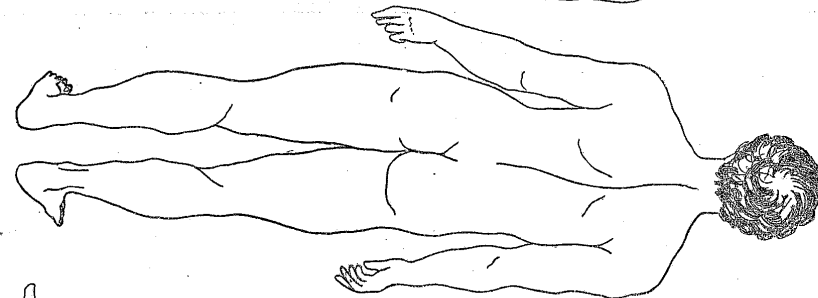
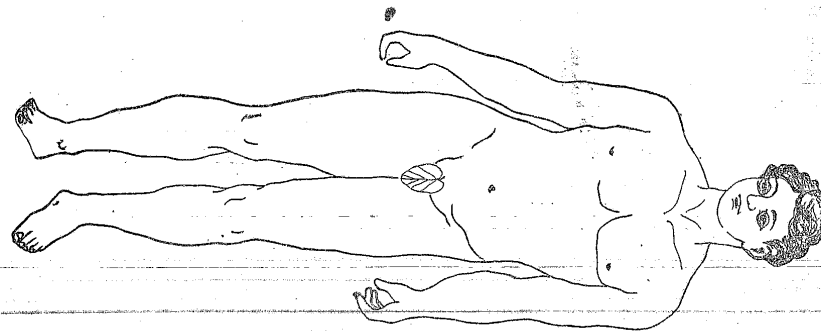
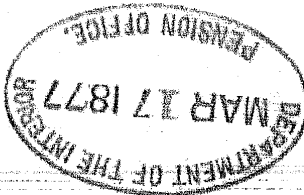
Examining Surgeon.

Post Office, Eldora

County, Waverne

State, Iowa

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Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim. *Original* Pension Claim No. *207614*
 Name and rank of claimant. *John Blair*, Rank, *Private*
 Company *H, 9* Reg't *De Leue* *Carroll* *Law* State,
 Claimant's post office address. *Coon Rapids* *Nov 30*, 188 *6*
 (Post office address of the Board.)
 (Date of examination.)

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law* we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz:

Cause of disability. *Injury to breast - and E.S. of hips*
 and that he receives a pension of _____ dollars per month.
 Pulse rate per minute, *72*; respiration, *18*; temperature, *98 1/2*; height, *5*
 feet, *8 3/4* inches; weight, *135* pounds; age, *43* years.

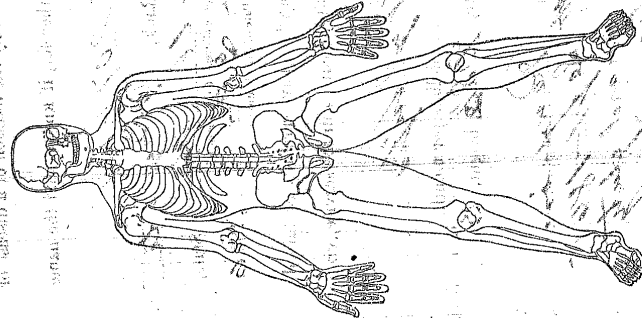
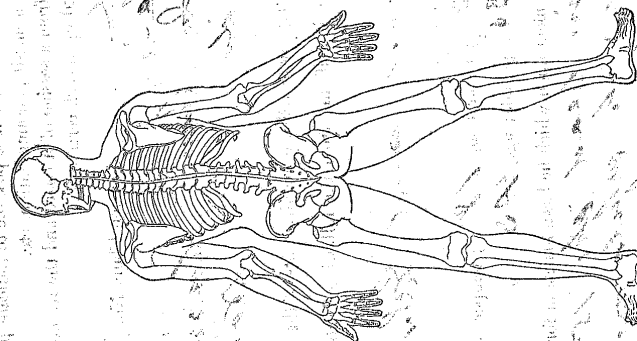
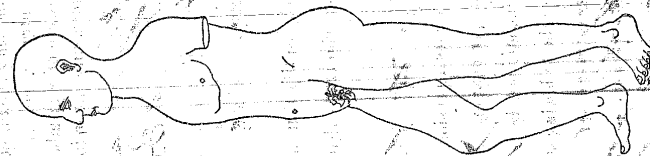
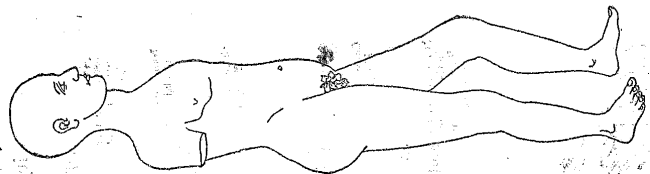
He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for *Pension*
Was injured in head the 15th Sept 1865
at Washington D.C. while on guard duty
by being kicked by a horse while on
hospital record. Was disabled from duty
about 6 months. Was wounded in hips about
Oct 18th 64. do not claim disability from hip wound at
present but have a constant pain in breast

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions:
We examine breast in right side
where alleged injury exists. but find
no evidence of former injury - and
nothing to indicate chest existing
lesion. Lungs and heart normal
Applicant has appearance of general
good health.
We discover no abnormal
condition of hips

We recommend no rating for
injury to breast or hips

From the existing condition and the history of this claimant, as stated by himself, it is, in our judgment, _____ probable that the disability was incurred in the service as he claims, and that it has not been prolonged or aggravated by vicious habits. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a *NO* rating for the disability caused by *injury to breast* - for that caused by *or hips*, and _____ caused by _____

* See the back.
 † Here state whether for original, increase, restoration, or renewal, or for a re-rating.
W. E. Jones, Pres. *W. T. Carter*, Sec'y. *J. J. D. Miller*, Treas.
 N. B. - Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.
 (4869-100,000.)



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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

John Blair
Co. H. 9th In Cav. Reg't

Applicant for Pension

No. 207614

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

Nov 3d, 1886.

W. C. Jones, Pres.,
W. C. Jones, Sec'y,
J. Deshler, Treas., } BOARD.

Post-office,

County,

State,

P. S. Write your Post-office address plain and in full.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [Extract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 26, 1882.]

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—The affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; the marginal instructions must be carefully observed before writing out the statement. All facts in possession of affiant as to the origin and continuance of the disability should be fully set forth, and the dates of treatment should be specially given. If the affidavit is prepared from memoranda in possession of the physician, that fact should be stated.

STATE OF Iowa, COUNTY OF Carroll, SS.

In the Pension Claim No. 371499

of John Blair late of

Co "H" 9th Iowa Cav
(Company and regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank if in the navy.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid
County and State Ed. M. Deans a citizen of Cass Rapids
whose Post-office address is Cass Rapids Carroll Co Ia

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to
aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a Practicing Physician, and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for about 4 1/2
years, and that I have been his family physician
(Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures or interlineations
will be permitted unless the magistrate certifies in his Jurat that they were made before executing the paper.)
since before the Fore-Said Dis-

I have visited him as some mem-
ber of his family (Professionally) frequently
during this time

Have Examined and treated
him at intervals during this time

That I found on my first
Examination Chronic Rheumatism
and Chronic Inflammation of the
Kidneys. Analysis of the Urine
showed the presence of Albumen and
Cast.

That at the present time on
Examination I find the same
conditions existing. Seemingly
more Albumen than at first Ex-
amination.

I would further say that
since I have known the Fore-
Said Jas Blair he has been
totally unable to perform manual
labor.

NOTES.
The Physician's
Affidavit must show
the following facts:
1st. Whether or
not he knew the
soldier prior to en-
listment; the length
of time he has
known him, how
intimately and
what opportunities
he has had of ob-
serving his phys-
ical condition,
whether as his fam-
ily physician or as
a neighbor; and
how near he has
lived to him. If he
knew that the sol-
dier was a sound
man at enlistment,
he should so state,
adding, if true, that
had he been un-
sound, he would
have known it.
2d. If he treated
claimant while in
the service either
as his regimental
surgeon or while
claimant was home
on furlough, that
fact should be
stated. The claim-
ant's physical con-
dition at such times
should be clearly
shown, as well as
the NATURE OF HIS
DISABILITY and
dates of treatment.
3d. If he has
treated soldier
since discharge he
should so state,
giving the date of
his first treatment;
what his physical
condition was at
the time, with com-
plete diagnosis of
the disability; the
period during
which he treated
him should be stat-
ed, with dates as
near as possible, of
the prescriptions.
4th. The extent
or degree to which
claimant has been
unable to perform
manual labor dur-
ing each year from
discharge to the
present time.

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Rheum. & Dis. of Kidneys

he has no interest, either direct or indirect, in the property of the United States.

Edw. W. Downs
(Affiant's Signature. Give rank and service, if in the army.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of April A. D. 1890

_____ added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

John Cooray
(Official Signature.)
Polam Pillai
(Official Character.)

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 18____.

Clerk of the

Note.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY, then CLERK OF COUNTY COURT must add his certificate of character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

WABIDAYIT:OF

Mr. Edw. W. Down
Evon Rapids, Iowa

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STATE OF

COUNTY OF

SS:

In the Pension Claim No.

Wid. 510,282.

Ester A. Blair, Widow of
John Blair, Pvt. Co. 16:9 - Iowa Cav.
(Company and regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank, if in the navy.)

Personally came before me, a _____ in and for the aforesaid

County and State _____ a citizen of _____

whose Post-office address is Ed. W. Downs Coon Rapids La.

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being, duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a Practicing Physician, and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for about 4 1/2 years, and that I have been his family physician

(Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures or interlineations will be permitted, unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.)

For 4 yrs. I have visited his family frequently. That I have examined and treated professionally at different times during our acquaintance

That I found on my first examination him suffering of Chronic Rheumatism & Chronic Nephritis of the kidneys.

That I found on every urine analysis Albumen quite abundant and found the same still existing just before death.

That I had been called to see him professionally every day for two weeks before his death which occurred March 2 1891. The cause of his death was Bright's Disease Chronic Chronic Nephritis causing Great debility some time before death.

NOTES.

The Physician's Affidavit must show the following facts:

- 1st. Whether or not he knew the soldier prior to enlistment; the length of time he has known him, how intimately, and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition, whether as his family physician or as a neighbor; and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state; adding, if true, that had he been unsound he would have known it.
- 2d. If he treated claimant while in the service, either as his regimental surgeon or while claimant was home on furlough, that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such times should be clearly shown, as well as the nature of his disease, and dates of treatment.
- 3d. If he has treated soldier since discharge he should so state, giving the date of his first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with complete diagnosis of the disability; the period during which he treated him should be stated, with dates as near as possible of the prescriptions.
- 4th. The extent or degree to which claimant has been unable to perform manual labor during each year from discharge to the present time.

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Date & Name

Edw. Davis
(Affiant's signature. Give rank and service, if in the army.)

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J. no. 1000000
(Official signature)

and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name
to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was at the time of so doing _____

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NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

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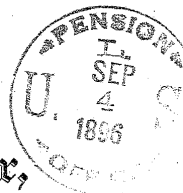
Mr. J. M. Blair

FOR *N. Lewis Benson*

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C.H. Ex'r.

Mid. Ct. No. 344885 Department of the Interior,
Eastern A. Mid. of

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

John Blair

Co. H, 9 Reg't La. Cav. Washington, D. C. Aug. 18, 1896.
July 14, 1862.
 Return this with your reply.

SIR:

To further aid this Bureau in determining the merits of the above-entitled claim for pension, be kind enough to answer in your own handwriting the following questions, giving more complete details than your affidavit affords.

Very respectfully,

D. D. Murphy

Commissioner.

Dr. Ed. W. Downs,
Corn Rapids,
Iowa.

When did you first see soldier after he returned from the Army, and how do you fix the date?

Answer: About 9 years ago. Was call a treat
him

Of what disability did he complain, and how was he affected?

Answer: Of Chronic Diarrhea the first time
I was called.

How frequently did you see him after your first acquaintance?

Answer: Every few weeks not always frequently

If he continued to suffer with such disability, please describe the symptoms which were apparent to you, and state to what extent he was disabled for manual labor thereby during each year?

Answer: The first time I saw him was
complaining of Diarrhea pain in bowels
vomiting and frequent discharge from
bowels. At different times there was
marked weakness and inability to perform any normal labor what ever
 My means of knowing the facts of the case are these:

Healed his Rheumatism pain in joints and
form of intermittent type would be cured
and I had by these methods. I also examined
his fecal blood and small amount of albumen
 Very respectfully,
Ed W. Downs

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,
 Washington, D. C.

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C. H. Ex'r.

Wid. Ch. No. 344, 585

Esther A. Wiley

John Blain.

Co. H. 9 Reg't La. Cav.

Ret'd July 14, 1862.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C. *Aug 18*, 189*6*.

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Very respectfully,

D. J. Murphy

Commissioner.

Mr. Geo. W. Bailey,
Com. Rapids,
Iowa.

When did you first see soldier after he returned from the Army, and how do you fix the date?

Answer: *about the year of 1882 I lived just across the road from him*

Of what disability did he complain, and how was he affected?

Answer: *Rheumatism Chronic Diarrhoea & disability to ride*

How frequently did you see him after your first acquaintance?

Answer: *for the space of three years almost daily*

If he continued to suffer with such disability, please describe the symptoms which were apparent to you, and state to what extent he was disabled for manual labor thereby during each year?

Answer: *he complained & was affected with the disability. was not able to perform any manual labor unless of a light character*

My means of knowing the facts of the case are these:

Same as above stated

Very respectfully,

George W. Bailey

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,
Washington, D. C.

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West Div.
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Wid. Ct. No. 344,885
Esther A. Wid. of
John Blair

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Co. H. 9 Reg't Ia. Cav. Washington, D. C., *Aug. 18*, 1896,
Sept. 14, 1896.
 Return this with your reply.

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Very respectfully,

D. J. Murphy
 Commissioner.

Mr. E. G. Merrill,
Eldora,
Iowa.

When did you first see soldier after he returned from the Army, and how do you fix the date?

Answer: *I think, soon after, as all living in this vicinity, came back to their parents who lived here -*

Of what disability did he complain, and how was he affected?

Answer: *So long ago, I cannot be explicit but he was much emaciated, and feeble*

How frequently did you see him after your first acquaintance?

Answer: *Removed to Cown Rapids, did not see him often -*

If he continued to suffer with such disability, please describe the symptoms which were apparent to you, and state to what extent he was disabled for manual labor thereby during each year?

Answer: *I would not state positively, think he was troubled with his breathing. Do not think he was able to perform much manual labor -*

My means of knowing the facts of the case are these:

He went to school to me in the winter of 1861 & 1862 and enlisted the following summer when he came here, visited me, died soon after he went back home -

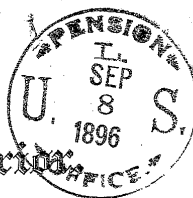
Very respectfully,

E. G. Merrill

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,
 Washington, D. C.

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West Div.
C.R. Ex'r.

Wid. A. No. 3448857

Eather A. Wid. of

John Blair

Co. H 9 Reg't La. Cav.
Oct 14, 1862

Return this with your reply.

Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Aug. 18, 1896,

Sir Madam;

To further aid this Bureau in determining the merits of the above-entitled claim for pension, be kind enough to answer in your own handwriting the following questions, giving more complete details than your affidavit affords.

Very respectfully,

D. J. Murphy

Commissioner.

Mrs. Alice G. Smith,
Com Rapids,
Iowa.

When did you first see soldier after he returned from the Army, and how do you fix the date?

Answer: In the Fall of 1866. She was sick with the rheumatism in her friends house was on a visit at the same friends house

Of what disability did he complain, and how was he affected?
Answer: with rheumatism of back

How frequently did you see him after your first acquaintance?

Answer: Every year

If he continued to suffer with such disability, please describe the symptoms which were apparent to you, and state to what extent he was disabled for manual labor thereby during each year?

Answer: The part of the time not able to perform labor at all, for six months at a time he was afflicted more or less every year with rheumatism

My means of knowing the facts of the case are these:

So my certain knowledge, I know this for I have waited on him at times

Very respectfully,

Alice G. Smith

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,
Washington, D. C.

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question first Sentence in the month
of July 1866

2^d question he was suffering & complained
of a Horse kicking him in the But
& seemed to be unable to do any
Labour

3^d Seemed to be in Pain

4. I have no Knowledge

In July 1866 when he came
from the army I was keeping
Hotel & soon three or four
years he moved away

D. F. Ellsworth

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Western Div.
S. L. K. Ex'r.
Invalid No. 207614
John Blair
Co. H. 9th Reg't Iowa Cav.



Return this letter with your reply.

Washington, D.C. June 10th 1886-

Sir:

As a witness in the above claim please answer the following questions in your own writing.

When did you first meet the claimant after his return from the army?

Was he at that time suffering from an injury to his breast?

What symptoms marked the disability at that time?

During what years since that time has he to your personal knowledge been disabled by said disease?

To what extent has he been disabled for manual labor thereby, during each year of your acquaintance?

As these questions relate to facts not fully brought out in your affidavit in the case, your reply should be as full and complete as possible, and you should especially state your means of knowledge as to claimant's condition.

Very respectfully,

D. F. Ellsworth

Eldora, Hardin Co., Ia.

John Black.
Commissioner.

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Western Div.
I. C. K. Exr.

Invalid No. 207,614

John Blair

Co. H, 9th Reg't Iowa Cav.

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Return this letter with your reply.

Department of the Interior

PENSION OFFICE

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JUN 20 1885

Washington, D.C.

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Very respectfully,

John Black

Commissioner.

Col. J. R. Edgington

Colonel, Iowa.

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1 State of Iowa
2 Hardin County, } 2d.
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✓ We, John Lytle, and Philip
4 Shuntaffer, first being
5 duly sworn on oath according
6 to law, do make oath and say
7 that we are acquainted with
8 John Blair, that we knew him
9 before he went to the army and
10 since his return. That we know
11 him to be a temperate man,
12 never indulging in intoxicating
13 drinks of any kind, or in any
14 excess of any nature whatever.
15
16 John Lytle
17 Philip Shuntaffer
18

19 Subscribed in my presence and
20 sworn to before me by John
21 Lytle and Philip Shuntaffer this
22 18th day of February A.D. 1876.
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24 J. Gilman
25 Ck. D.C.
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E. West. Division.

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Sept 6, 1890.

Respectfully requested of the ADJUTANT

GENERAL U. S. A. a report from the records of his
Office as to the presence or absence, on or about
May, '65, and March '65-1866,
of Supt. Wm. H. Smith,
and Rte. Orlando M.
Ellsworth and Emmet
Morgan
of Co. H, 9th Iowa Cav.
and the station, at that date, of the

Quoted.

Claim No. 371499

John Blair, 11, 9th Iowa Cav.

Geo. B. Raim

Commissioner.

Linden Iowa Sept 16th 1880

Mr E B Rawn Commissioner
of pensions

Dear Sir

yours of the 6th received yesterday in reading
it I find you have filled it out for Comrade

John Blair and sent it to me and as I have
a claim there of a different kind I would
send this back so as to not get things mixed
if you want to hear any thing from me
about my case write and let me know
what you want or any thing about Blairs
case we were in the same Co and I see
him often

Yours very Respectfull

Enoch Moorman

Linden Dallas Co Iowa

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E. West.
JB Div.
 Ex'r.

Inc. No. 371499

John Blair

Co. H 9th Reg't Iowa Cav.

Return this letter with your reply.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Sept. 6, 1890.

Sir:

To aid this Bureau in the adjudication of the above cited claim, please furnish a statement in your own handwriting, setting forth all the facts within your personal knowledge relative to the incurrence of *Chronic Diarrhoea, Rheumatism and Disease of Urinary Organs.*

In your reply please be as specific as possible in respect to dates, and describe as clearly as you can the nature, symptoms, and extent of the disability.

Your immediate answer, indorsed upon the back of this letter, will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

Gen. B. Raum

Commissioner.

Enoch Moorhead,

Kinden

Iowa

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E. West Div.
S.B. Exr.

Dec. Rec. No. *571499*

John Blair
 Co. H, 9th Reg't *Iowa Cavalry*

Return this letter with your reply.

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BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

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Very respectfully,

Geo. B. Raum
 Commissioner.

Wm. H. Smith,
Carad. Grove,
Iowa.

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Conrad Oct. 10th 1890

I belonged to Co H 9th Iowa Cav,
was well acquainted with John Blair,
and know him at and near
Levell's Bluffs in Kansas.
In May he was taken with Chorea
Leucorrhoea, Rheumatism and
disease of Urinary Organs from
which he suffered a great deal and
was often excused from duty in
consequence, I know this to be a
fact for I pressed with him and
was with him on all marches
on which he was able to go.
during the summer of 1864.

H H Smith

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, July 29th, 1886.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

_____, a _____ of Company _____
 _____ Regiment _____ Volunteers, was enrolled on the
 day of _____, 186____, at _____,
 and is reported: _____

Regimental Returns of the 12th Michigan
 Light Vols for August and September 1865 report Eli
 H. Collier, Asst Surgeon present Station, Sept 30th 65 Washington
 M.T.C. Ark's. He is subsequently borne Surgeon
 E.H.H. Surgeons Morning Reports Sept 16, 1865, are
 signed by E. H. Collier, Asst Surgeon
 Regimental Order Book shows station Sept 15
 and 18, 1865, Washington, Ark.

QK

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Thomas Ward

Assistant Adjutant General.

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Ward

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, August 15, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

_____, a _____ of Company _____,
 _____ Regiment _____ Volunteers, was enrolled on the
 day of _____, 186____, at _____,
 and is reported.

Return of 9th Iowa Cav. Vols. for
 Aug 15 65 reports Benjamin S. Bonham
 1st Lieut. Co. H. present. Same for Sept 65.
 Co Morning Reports September 15/65, show
 11th Private present for duty.

W. S. 25- by Gregory

Thomas Ward

Assistant Adjutant General.
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Adjutant General's Office,
 Washington, D. C., *Feb'y 29th, 1876*

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. *507 614*, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that *Harrison L. Graves* was enrolled on the _____ day of _____, 186____, at _____, in Co. _____, _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years or during the war, and mustered into service as a _____ on the _____ day of _____, 186____, at *A Pvt* _____, in Co. "*H*", _____ *9th* Regiment of *Iowa Cav* Volunteers, to serve *3* years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "*H*", of that Regiment, for the months of *July* and *August* 1865, he is reported *Present for duty - Sept and Oct 1865 Present sick* *he was stationed at Washington Ark during Sept 1865 -*

I am, sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,

C. W. Benjamin

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,
 Washington, D. C.

W. D. L.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,

RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, D. C.,

Apr 13, 1885

To the Adjutant General, U. S. Army.

Sir: I have the honor to return herewith the papers received from your office in pension claim No. *207614*, with such information as is furnished by records filed in this

Office, viz: that — *Blair, C. — 9 Iowa Cav. was admitted to Post Hosp. Washington, Ark. Nov 21/65 with Sc-*
ility, diagnosis also shown as Intermittent fever,
and returned to duty Nov 26/65.

No Medical records of the Regiment on file, nor re-
ords of Washington Ark. prior to Nov/65.

By order of the Surgeon General:

No. *340376.*

B. F. Rpe
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army.

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per LdB

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Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., June 10th, 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st day of May 1878, requesting a "Statement of Service" of John Blair

The following information has been obtained from the files of this Office, and is respectfully furnished in reply to your inquiry:

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that John Blair was enrolled on the day of _____, 186 _____, at _____, in Co. _____, _____ Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a _____ on the _____ day of _____, 186 _____, at a _____, in Co. H, _____ 9th Regiment of Iowa Cav^y Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Rolls of Co. H of that Regiment for the months of from enrollment to Aug. 31st, 1865, he is reported present for duty - Sept & Oct 1865 present sick Nov & Dec 1865 same report. M.O. Roll of Co. dated Feb'y 3rd 1866 reports him present and mustered out that date at Little Rock Ark. - Returns of Regt Sept & Oct 1865 name not borne. The records of this Office furnish no evidence of alleged injury Sept 1865

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Assistant Adjutant General.

To Com^{dr} of Pension

Washington D.C.

[Signature]

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Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21st, 1875

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 207,614, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that John Blair was enrolled on the 24th day of Oct., 1863, at Eldora, Iowa, in Co. "H", 9th Regiment of Iowa Cavalry Volunteers, to serve 3 years or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 30th day of Nov., 1863, at Davenport, Iowa, in Co. "H", 9th Regiment of Iowa Cavalry Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "H", of that Regiment, for the months of Sept. & Oct., 1865, he is reported Present. Sick. (Comp. was at Washington Ark. Sept. 14/65.) Mustered out with Co. Feb. 3rd /66.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
your obedient servant,

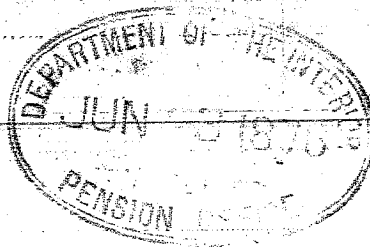
W. M. Benjamin
Assistant Adjutant General. V
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The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

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No 207.614

John Blain.



WAR DEPARTMENT.

Surgeon General's Office,

Record and Pension Division,

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 22^d, 1876.

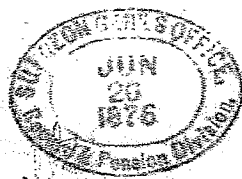
Respectfully returned to *the Conin*
of Pensions
There are no records
of the 9th Iowa Cav'y
on file in this Office.

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BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

J. B. Woodward
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A.

Per *A. A. Carpenter*



Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

June 17, 1876.

Sir:

In the invalid claim, No 207,614, of John Blain, late a Private Co. H. 9th Regiment of Iowa Cavalry, it is requested that you will furnish this Office, from data given below, a record of his treatment.

NAME OR NUMBER, AND LOCALITY OF HOSPITAL.	ALLEGED DATES OF TREATMENT.
Regimental Hospital	
Rolls for Sept & Oct 1865 report him "french sick".	

Allegations as to time, place, and circumstances. Disabled by being kicked in the chest by a horse at Washington D.C. Sept 14, 1865. Mustered out with Co. July 2, 1866.

A report at an early day is requested.

Very respectfully,

H. M. Atkinson

Commissioner.

13-164,1 DIVISION

Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE,

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions, D. C., Nov. 27, 1882.

been forwarded to the office of the Surgeon General in 10 minutes.

207,614 of the 9th Regt. Iowa Cavalry.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions, D. C., March 3, 1883.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,
Record and Pension Division
Washington, D. C., March 3, 1883.

There are no records of the 10th Mich. Cav. on file.

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL.
B. J. Coffe
Asst. Surgeon, U. S. A.
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U. S. PENSION OFFICE, D. C.
JUN 18 1883

Commissioner.

Power of Attorney.

State of Iowa County of Story, ss.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, John Blair
late 1st Co. H 9 Ia. Cav Vols.

have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint Milo B. Stevens & Co.,
of CHICAGO, ILL. my true and lawful Attorneys, to prosecute my
Claim for invalid Pension now pending
before the Department

giving and granting unto my said attorneys, full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully and to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do if personally present; with full power of substitution, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorneys or their substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

John Blair
Signature of Claimant.

Charles J. Smith
P. O. Address.

Two Witnesses' Signatures.

10 D. J. Tynge
C. H. Schermelhorn

BE IT KNOWN, That on this, the 3 day of February A. D. 1882 personally appeared the above named John Blair, who AFTER HAVING HAD READ OVER TO him in the hearing and presence of the two attesting witnesses, the contents of the foregoing Power of Attorney, voluntarily signed and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

J. L. Smith
Clerk District Court

NOTE: This paper may be executed before a Clerk of a Court of Record; or if executed before a Notary or Justice of the Peace, the signature and official character of such Notary or Justice must be certified to by such Clerk of Court.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

FROM

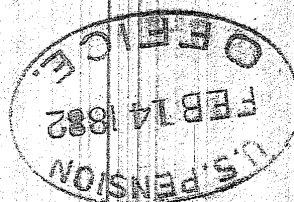
John Blair
Late 1st Co. H 9th Cav.
No. 207614

ADDRESS:

Nevada
Story Co. Ia.

—TO—

F. L. B. STEVENS & CO.,
Military Claim Attorneys,
CHICAGO, ILL.



PENSION
OCT-31885

I John Blair of Carroll County and
State of Iowa first being duly sworn
say I am the identical John Blair
who was formerly Private 1st Regt Iowa
Cavalry

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no. of Pension claim is

to the only person present
when I was kicked by the horse on
the 15th of September 1865 and on which
I base my Pension claim is dead
otherwise I would be able to prove that
said injury to breast was incurred in
line of duty & without fault

I was attended for injury received
to breast by reason of said kick by
Surgeon of the 10th Michigan Infantry
and I am unable to find him
The person present with me when I received
said kick by horse September 15th 1865 was
Mr Smith

John Blair

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 30th day
of September 1885 I certify that John Blair
is entitled to credit & I have no interest
in the application of John Blair for a Pension

Solony Public in
& for Carroll County Iowa

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The

Coon Rapids Iowa

10/24-1880

John C. Black Pension Comr
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,
I am mistaken with regard to
the attend me for wounded
to breast by kick of horse in September
1865. at Washington Ark - I was
treated by assistant Surgeon of
12th Michigan ^{Infy} instead of Surgeon
of the 10. Mich Infy I was
sure I was right with regard
to what Surgeon treated me
until I wrote my Lieut.
I enclose his letter, please
send me whereabouts of asst
Surgeon 12th Mich if you
know his whereabouts
Respectfully John Blair
Co 26 9th Iowa Cav

Coon Rapids Ia 12/30/1885
 Jas L Black Pension Comm
 Dear Sir, I think I have
 from one ailment that of
 wound in back by kick of
 horse - I will not attempt
 to prove gun shot wound
 would like claim allowed on
 one ailment above referred to
 Very Respectfully John Blair
 Private at N 9th Iowa Cavalry
 No 7 claim 207 614 -

P.S. I have furnished all the
 testimony that I am able to
 at present J. B.

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Act of June 27, 1890.

DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he have none his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record or a City or County Clerk.

State of Iowa, County of Carroll, ss:

On this 16 day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-

_____, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public

in and for

_____, within and for the County and State aforesaid

John Blair, aged 45 years, a resident of the Town
Ship of Union, County of Carroll, State of

Iowa, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical

John Blair, who was ENROLLED on the 24th day of
October, 1863, in Co H 9th Iowa Cav
(Here state rank, company, and regiment, in Military service, or vessel if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the War of the Rebellion, and served at least ninety days, and was

HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Little Rock Ark on the 3 day of February, 1866

That he is totally unable to earn a support by manual labor by reason of Injury of Brast
(Here name the disease or injuries from which disabled.)

Brain Material Brain Spine Disease of
various organs and Rheumatism of Heart disease
That said disabilities are not due to his
vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent. That he has _____

applied for pension under application No. _____. That he is a pensioner under certificate No.

371499

(If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.)

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation;

Rufus B. Tucker of Coon Rapids his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim, the fee to be TEN DOLLARS, as prescribed by law.

That his post-office address is Coon Rapids, County of Carroll,
State of Iowa

(Claimant's Signature.)

1 W. Harris
2 E. B. Harris

(Two witnesses who write, sign here.)

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Printed and For Sale by JOHN F. SHERY, Claim Blank Printer,
623 D Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION.

State of Iowa County of Carroll, ss.

On this 30 day of Dec, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty Seven personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, John Blair, aged 4 years, a resident of the town of Keokuk, county of Carroll State of Iowa, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States Certificate No 2744 99 enrolled at the Des Moines Pension Agency at the rate of two dollars per month, by reason of disability from injury [Here name the disability for which pension was granted.] incurred to breast (home kick)

in the military service of the United States while serving as private [Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in the Army—vessel, if in the Navy.]

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of the present rating being too low for the degree of his disability. He claims that great injustice [Here give a plain statement of why you should have a higher rate of pension.] has been done in giving him so low a rate of pension for his disability arising from said injury is very great and is constantly increasing as he grows older. He, therefore, requests another examination that he may receive the rating to which he is entitled for his disability.

He feels that his present rating is not commensurate with the degree of his disability. He, therefore, files this application for increase of pension, and requests a medical examination by a board of examining surgeons, to whom special instructions may be issued, so that the full extent of his disability may be ascertained. He hereby appoints, with full powers of substitution and revocation,

PATRICK O'FARRELL, Attorney-at-Law, WASHINGTON, D. C.

his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim.

His post office address is Keokuk, Carroll Co., Iowa (State your address in full.)

C. V. B. Smith

M. W. Cooney

John Blair (Claimant's Signature.)

(If claimant sign by mark, two witnesses must sign here.)

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Also personally appeared C. V. B. Smith, residing at Cosa Rapids Iowa
 and W. M. Cooney, residing at Cosa Rapids Ia, persons whom I
 certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw
John Blain, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the
 foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their
 acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no
 interest in the prosecution of this claim.

C. V. B. Smith

W. M. Cooney

Signatures of Witnesses.

(If witnesses sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 30 day of Dec, A. D. 1887.

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made
 known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the
 words _____ erased,
 and the words _____

[L. S.]

added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

John Cooney
 (Signature)

Volney Richlin
 (Official character.)

INVALID

CLAIM FOR INCREASE.

John Blain, Applicant.
John Blain
Cosa Rapids Iowa

Pension Certificate No.

PENSION CERTIFICATE NOT REQUIRED.



FILED BY

PATRICK O'FARREL,
 ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

PRINTED AND FOR SALE BY E. J. GRAY, 1224 Eye Ave. Washington, D. C.

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DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION.

State of Indiana
 County of Bartholomew } ss:

On this 11th day of September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-
eight personally appeared before me, a Notary Public
 within and for the county and State aforesaid, John Blair, aged
40 years, a resident of the P.O. of Levon Rapids, county of
Carroll, State of Iowa, who, being duly sworn according to
 law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the St. Moines
 Pension Agency at the rate of \$ 5 dollars per month, by reason of disability from
Injury to breast-bone
(Here name the disability for which pension was granted.)

incurred in the military service of the United States while a Private Co.
(Military or Naval) H. 9. Iowa Cav.
(Here state rank, company and regiment, if in the Army—vessel, if in the Navy.)

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of New
Disabilities. At or near Duval's Bluff
(Here state the reasons for applying for increase. If on account of increase in the disability for which already pensioned, that should be described. If on account of disability for which not pensioned, the location of the wound or injury, the name of the disease, and the time, place, and circumstances of its origin, and the names of hospitals where treated in the service, should be fully stated. The dates of treatment should be given as nearly as possible.)
Arkansas about May 1864 contracted
malarial poisoning and resulting in chronic
Diarrhoea disease of urinary organs and
Rheumatism from exposure impure
water & improper diet

that he appoints Maring, Shaker & Co., of Columbus,
 county of Bartholomew, State of Indiana, his true and
 lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim. That his Post Office address is Levon Rapids
 county of Carroll, State of Iowa.

Claimant's signature: John Blair

Attest: Geo W Bailey
E. H. Sloan
(Two Witnesses to Claimant's Signature.)

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Also personally appeared F. H. Sloan, residing at Columbus, Ind., and George W. Bailey, residing at Coon Rapids, Iowa, persons whom I certify to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw John Blair, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

George W. Bailey
F. H. Sloan
(Signatures of witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of September, A. D. 1888 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____, erased and the words _____, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

Samuel H. Daugherty
(Signature)
Notary Public
(Official Character.)

et filed.

INVALID.

CLAIM FOR INCREASE.

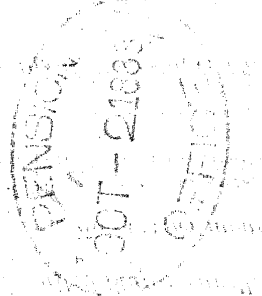
and new disability

John Blair, Applicant.

Private "H" 9th Reg't,

Iowa Cav Vols.

Pension Certificate No. _____



FILED BY

Maring, Shooker & Co.

Columbus

Ind.

The Post Office address (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim, and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.

Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.

Testimony in support of allegations made in a declaration may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.

If executed before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the certificate of the Clerk as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer should be attached, unless the officer already has his official certificate or file in the pension department.

DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION.

State of Iowa
 County of Carroll } ss:

On this 26 day of Sept, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-
Eight personally appeared before me, a Clerk of the District Court
 within and for the county and State aforesaid, John Blair, aged
44 years, a resident of the P. O. of Keosau Rapids, county of
Carroll, State of Iowa, who, being duly sworn according to
 law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the Des Moines
 Pension Agency at the rate of "2" dollars per month, by reason of disability from
"Injury to Breast Bone"
(Here name the disability for which pension was granted.)

incurred in the Military service of the United States while a Private Co. H
(Military or Naval) 9 Iowa Cavalry (Here state rank, company and regiment.)
(If in the Army—vessel, if in the Navy.)

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of New
Disabilities—At or near Dural Bluff, (Here state the reasons for ap-
 plying for increase. If on account of increase in the disability for which already pensioned, that should be described. If on account of disability for which not pen-
Arkansas, about May 1864 contracted
tioned, the location of the wound or injury, the name of the disease, and the time, place, and circumstances of its origin, and the names of hospitals where treated in the
malarial poisoning and resulting in
service, should be fully stated. The dates of treatment should be given as nearly as possible.)
Chronic Diarrhoea, Disease of Urinary
organs and Rheumatism, from ex-
posure impure water and improper
diet.

that he appoints Maring, Shuck & Co., of Columbus
 county of Bartholomew, State of Indiana, his true and
 lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim. That his Post Office address is Keosau Rapids
 county of Carroll, State of Iowa

Claimant's signature: John Blair
 Attest: J. J. Buntin
A. H. Bell
(Two Witnesses to Claimant's Signature.)

2.C

Also personally appeared P. T. Puiteuey, residing at Corn Rapids, and J. H. Bell, residing at Corn Rapids, persons whom I certify to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw John Blair, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

P. T. Puiteuey
J. H. Bell
(Signatures of witnesses.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of September, A. D. 1888 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____, erased and the words _____, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

J. P. Jones
(Signature)
Clerk District Court
(Official Character.)

INVALID.

CLAIM FOR INCREASE,
And Not Substantiated

John Blair, Applicant.
Private Co., 9th Reg't,
Iowa Cav. Vols.

Pension Certificate No. 371499

FILED BY
Marion, Shuchter
Columbus
Indiana

THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim, and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.

Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.

Testimony in support of allegations made in a declaration may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.

If executed before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the certificate of the Clerk as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer should be attached, unless the officer already has his official certificate file in the pension department.

DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION.

State of Iowa } ss:
County of Carroll

On this 16th day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-
personally appeared before me, a Notary Public
within and for the county and state aforesaid, John Blair, aged
____ years, a resident of the P.O. of Coon Rapids, county of
Carroll, state of Iowa, who, being duly sworn according to
law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the
Pension Agency at the rate of TWO dollars per month, by reason of disability from
"INJURY TO BREAST."
(Here name the disability for which pension was granted.)

incurred in the military service of the United States while a Private Co. "H" 9th
(Military or Naval.) (Here state rank, company and regiment,
Reg't. Iowa Cavalry.

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of too low
rating for and an increase of the disability "INJURY TO BREAST".
playing for an increase. If on account of increase in the disability for which already pensioned, that should be described. If on account of disability for which not pensioned, the lo-

He desires to complete that part of his claim still pending
cation of the wound or injury, the name of the disease, and the time, place, and circumstances of its origin, and the names of hospitals where treated in the service, should be fully
based upon CHRONIC DIARRHOEA, DISEASE OF URINARY ORGANS AND RHEUMA-
tism.
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stated. (The dates of treatment should be given as nearly as possible.)

that he appoints MARING, SLUSHER & CO., of Columbus,
county of Bartholomew, state of Indiana, his true and lawful attorneys, to prosecute his
claim. That his Post Office address is Coon Rapids

county of Carroll, state of Iowa.

Claimant sign: John Blair

Two witnesses who can write. Leed Cretaines
W. J. Demond
(Two witnesses to Claimant's signature.)

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Also personally appeared Jacob Kretzinger residing at Coon Rapids, Iowa, and L. B. Diamond residing at Coon Rapids, Iowa, persons whom I certify to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw John Blair the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person who represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

When signed by mark, two persons must sign as witnesses to mark.

Signatures of two identifying witnesses.

Jacob Kretzinger
L. B. Diamond

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of April, A. D. 1899 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____, erased and the words _____, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

(Signature)

Notary Public
Camel Co Iowa

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5750. INVALID. CLAIM FOR INCREASE. John Blair Applicant. Private Co., 1st Reg't, Iowa Cavalry 37th, 492. CHRONIC DYSPEPSIA, DISEASE OF UTERINE ORGANS AND MENSTRUATION. He desires to complete that part of his claim still pending. Increase of the disability. MARINA LO BEEVER. MARING, SLUSHER & CO. COLUMBUS, IND. Pension Certificate No. 140. IOWA. P.O. COON RAPIDS

THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney and witnesses should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim. and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated. Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized. Testimony in support of allegations made in a declaration may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim. If executed before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the certificate of the Clerk as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer should be attached, unless the officer already has his official certificate on file in the pension department.

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DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

A.

To be executed before a court of record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal.

State of Iowa } ss.
County of Hardin

On this 7th day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five
personally appeared before me, Clerk of the Dist Ct, a court of record
within and for the county and State aforesaid, John Blain, aged 31 years,
a resident of the town of New Providence, county of Hardin

State of Iowa, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the
identical John Blain who was ENROLLED on the 24th day

of 24th Oct 1863, in company H of the 9th regiment of Iowa Cavalry
commanded by Charles A. Hicks, and was honorably DISCHARGED at

Little Rock Ark. on the 3rd day of Feb, 1866; that his

personal description is as follows: Age, 31 years; height, 5 feet 8 inches; complexion, light;
hair, light; eyes, blue. That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the

service and in the line of his duty at Washington, in the State of Arkansas

on or about the 14th day of Sep, 1865, he was kicked by
(Here state name or nature of disease, or the location

a horse in the chest, as a consequence of
of wound or injury. If disabled by disease, state fully its causes; if by wound or injury, the precise manner in which received.)

road injury he has been now is disabled
fully one half of his time -

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: was treated at Washington
(Here state the names or numbers, and the localities of all hospitals in which treated, and the dates of treatment.)

Ark. but not in hospital

That he has never been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above (Here state what the

service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above, and the dates at which it began and ended.)

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the county of Hardin
in the State of Iowa, and his occupation has been that of a farmer

That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when
enrolled a farmer. That he is now disabled from obtaining his subsistence by
manual labor by reason of his injuries, above described, received in the service of the United States; and he there-
fore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, E. W. Eastman
of Elkora, State of Iowa, his true and lawful attorney
to prosecute his claim. That he has never received no applied for a pension. That his Post

OFFICE ADDRESS is New Providence, county of Hardin

State of Iowa

Claimant's signature: John Blain

Attest: Z. Gilman

Also personally appeared Wm Patterson, residing at Pleasant Township
and E. A. Moore, residing at Edinboro, persons whom I
certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw
John Blair, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing
declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance
with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution
of this claim.

William Patterson
E. A. Moore
(Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 10 day of July, A. D. 1875,
and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made
known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words
[L. S.] _____, erased, and the words
_____, added; and that I have
no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Spilman
(Signature.) clerk Dist Ct
(Official character.)

A.
INVALID.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

ORIGINAL.

Applicant.

Regt.,

Vols.

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Enlisted

Discharged

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The claimant's identity and loyalty must be proven by two witnesses, certified by the judicial officer to be respectable and credible, who are present and witness the signature of the declarant, and certify to his identity and loyalty under oath or affirmation.

Declarations and other papers should be as legible and as clear in statement as possible.

Where any evidence is already on file in any Department of the Government, a definite description of and specific reference to it will render it available in any subsequent claim.

The Post Office address (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses, should be embodied in or accompany every application, and all evidence in each claim; and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Pension Office or the pension agents, should be stated.

The fees for the prosecution of claims for pensions will not be allowed to exceed twenty-five dollars; no part of which is payable before the certificate for the pension has been issued.

Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.

Testimony in support of allegations made in a declaration may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.

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JUL 13 1875

RECEIVED
MAR 30 1887
10 HAYMARKET

RECEIVED
MAR 26 1887

Dear Mr. Blair
Hon John C. Black, Pension Commissioner
Washington D.C. Please Sir six years ago

I made a verbal contract with Louis K. Gillson of Chicago to prosecute my claim for Pension for \$1000 I have paid him \$5.00 for which I enclose receipt - When my claim is allowed please give L. K. Gillson balance \$5.00

I also send you testimony in regard to my health since my discharge - will furnish more soon.

Very Respectfully

John Blair Esq
Jama, Canada

LOUIS K. GILLSON,
WAR CLAIM ATTORNEY,
Receipt

WASHINGTON, D. C.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.
DETROIT, MICH.

CHICAGO,

Sir

Apr. 2/84

I am in receipt of your remittance of \$5.00 on account of my fee in your pension claim, and shall push the work on the case with all possible dispatch.

All matters in which I need your cooperation, you will please give prompt attention to, so that delays may be avoided as much as practicable.

In writing, please enclose stamps to cover the expense of responding.

Respectfully
John Blair
Crow Rapids, Iowa
Louis K. Gillson

Why do you not return the paper sent you
to sign & I enclose another which please attend
to at once & return to me.



CHICAGO

Iowa



West (3-146.)

100 July 14/62 (3-615)

INVALID PENSION.

Reissuance of REISSUE TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL DISABILITY. *Ch. No. 371499*
 Pensioner, *John Blair, Decd., Esther A. Blair, Widow completing*
 Wds. *Coon Rapids,* Rank, *Private*
 P. O., *Carroll* Company, *H.*
 County, *Iowa* Regiment, *9 Iowa Vol. Cav.*
 State, *Iowa*
 Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____

Pensioned for _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

REJECTED

Name, *No Atty. recognized* Fee, \$ _____; Agent *July 25, 1900.* to pay.
 P. O., _____ Articles filed _____, 18 _____

APPROVALS.

Approved for *Special examination*

Submitted *Sept. 13*, 1898.
Re - for consideration June 7, 1900
 Approved for *Repeal on the ground of no record of useful gun shot wounds, post hip, chronic diarrhoea, disease of urinary organs, rheumatism, and pelvis, inability although aided by special examination to furnish competent evidence showing that said ailments original in the service or existed at date of soldiers discharge from the service to claim for incurrence pending*

Chas. E. Lane, Examiner.
H. R. McColmont, Capt.
 Approved for _____

Wm. Robertson Legal Reviewer. _____, Med. Ex'r, _____, Med. Reviewer.
July 1, 1903 *Aug. 17*, 1900 _____, 18 _____, Med. Referee.

HISTORY OF CLAIMS AND FORMER ACTION.

Discharged *Feb. 24*, 1863
 Discharged *Feb. 3*, 1866 Last paid to *March 2, 1891*, at \$ *12.*
 Pensioned from *Feb. 4*, 1866, at \$ *2.*, for *injury to breast from kick of horse.*

Pensioned from Oct. 2, 1888 at \$6. per month for same or material poisoning.

Pensioned from Aug. 19, 1890 under the Act of June 27, 1890 at \$12. per month for injury of breast, material poisoning, various sores of left leg & disease of urinary organs.

Original declaration filed *July 23*, 1875, alleged *injury to chest by kick of a horse*

" " *July 19* 1879 " *same or injury of hip*

" " *Feb. 2* 1888 " *Material poisoning and resulting Ch. dis.*
 Declaration filed *Oct. 2*, 1888, alleged *same as alleged* *Ch. dis. decl. filed*

Oct. 2, 1888.
Declaration filed April 25, 1890, Increase and Ch. dis. disease of urinary organs, and rheumatism

Arrears allowed from _____, 18 _____, to _____, 18 _____, at \$ _____

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declarations filed *July 19*, 1879, & *Oct. 2, 1888* - *Rating of 7 as 5*
G. S. W. of hip, Ch. dis. dis. of urinary organs and rheumatism.

Clk. writes No M.C.

INVALID PENSION

REISSUE TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL DISABILITY.

Pensioner, John Blair, Deed. Esther A Blair widow
P. O., Boon Rapids
County, Carroll
State, Iowa
Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____
Rank, Private
Company, 26
Regiment, 9 Iowa Vol. Cav

REJECTED.

Pensioned for _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, Maring and Slusher Fee, \$ _____; Agent _____ to pay.
P. O., Columbus, Ind. Articles filed _____, 18 _____

APPROVALS.

Approved for Rejection, (Departmental Ruling 54.)
Submitted August 20, 1892 Chas B. Miso, Examiner.

Approved for Rejection, no record of gunshot wounds of both hips, chronic diarrhoea, inflammation of urinary organs or testimony as to treatment for said disability in service or at discharge. Soldier declared his inability to furnish such testimony, right denied him 54 dated Sept 23 1891. James B. Edgington, Treasurer.
chain pending. H. E. Burnham, Legal Reviewer. _____, Med. Ex'r, _____, Med. Reviewer.
Sept. 7, 1892, _____, Re-Reviewer. _____, 18 _____, Med. Referee.

HISTORY OF CLAIMS AND FORMER ACTION.

Discharged Feb 3, 1866 Last paid to Dec. 14, 1890, at \$ 6.
Pensioned from " 4, 1866, at \$ 2., for Injury to breast from
Kick of a horse.

Increase Rejected March 10, 1890.
H.E. 44099. Reissued at \$6. Admitted Jan 30, 1891 to commence Oct 2, 88.
for injury of breast from kick of horse & malarial poisoning.
Original declaration filed July 23, 1875; alleged Injury to Chest by Kick of a horse
" " July 19, 1879, " " " & G.S.M. of hips.
Oct. 2, 1888, " Malarial Poisoning resulting in Chr. Diarr.
disease of urinary organs and Rheumatism.
Declaration filed Oct. 9, 1888; alleged same as that filed Oct. 2, 1888.

Arrears allowed from _____, 18 _____, to _____, 18 _____, at \$ _____

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed Oct. 2, 1888, Same dis. as above of same date.
" " April 28, 1890. Inc. and Chr. Diarr. disease of urinary organs
and Rheumatism. (Clink died before Ex. on last application.)
Clink writes.

Increase **INVALID PENSION.**

Claimant, *John Blair*

P.O., *Coon Rapids*

County, *Carroll*

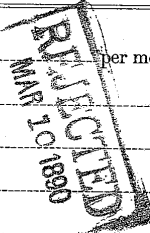
State, *Iowa*

Rank, *Priv*

Company, *76*

Regiment, *9 In val. Cav.*

Rate, \$ _____ per month, commencing _____



Disabled by _____

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, *Morris & Blush & Co*

Fee \$ *10*, Agent _____ to pay.

P.O., *Cabin Lee Ind*

Articles filed _____, 18 ____

APPROVALS:

Submitted for *Inc Feb 5*, 18*90*.

Ch Prinaux, Examiner.

Approved for *ing of breast from kick of horse*

Approved for *no increase*

Ruling 97

Feb 8, 18*90*, *Huber*, Legal Reviewer.

2/18/90, 18____, *W. H. D. Ingram*, Medical Referee.

Discharged *Feb 3*, 18*66* Last paid to _____, at \$ *2*

Pensioned from _____, 18*66*, at \$ *2*, for *Injury to breast*

result of kick of a horse

Original declaration filed *July 23*, 18*75*; alleged *same & 9.50 w kick*

" " *19* 18*79*

Arrears allowed from _____, 18____ to _____, 18____, at \$ _____

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed *Oct 2*, 18*88* *Inc*

Ruling 97

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ORIGINAL INVALID CLAIM.

371499
Discharge
Soldier, John Blain, Rank, Private
P. O., Green Rapids, Company, 4th
County, Carroll, Regiment, 9th Iowa Vol. Cav.
State, Iowa
Rates, \$ 2 per month, commencing Feb. 4 1866.

Pensioned for

Injury to breast from kick of a horse

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, Louis K. Gillson, Fee, \$ 10.00; Agent, None to pay.
P. O., Chicago Ill., Articles filed, None, 18 .

APPROVALS.

Approved for Injury to breast from kick of a horse
Submitted for Adm. James S. 1887, J. L. Keisinger, Examiner.
Approved for injury of breast from kick of horse, Approved for order May 1885.

Claim for gunshot wound of hips.
under ruling 97.

injury of breast from
kick of horse
1/4 to Mich 12th 1877 and
1/2 to Nov 3^d 1886 then to
Comm. disability having
ceased.

June 7 '87, Legal Reviewer, M. H. Orr, Med. Ex'r, M. B. Orr, Med. Reviewer,
9, 1887, Re-Reviewer, August 3rd 1887, Acting Med. Referee.

IMPORTANT DATES.

Enlisted Oct. 24, 1863, service from
Mustered 18, 18 , to 18, in
Discharged Feb. 3, 1866,
Declaration filed July 28, 1875, Not in service since Feb 3, 1886
4 19 1879

BASIS OF CLAIM.

Declaration filed July 23/75.
That at Washington Ark. Sept. 14/65, I was kicked
in the breast by a horse, and in consequence of said
injury I have been and am now disabled fully one
half of the time. In Declaration filed July 19/79. allege
wound of hips at Duval Bluff Ark. July
25/64. See further statement in brief page 9.

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ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

INVALID PENSION.

371499m
Des
Additional

Claimant, John Blair, Deed. Esther A. Blair, Wid.
P. O., of wid. Coon Rapids, Rank, Private,
County, Carroll, Company, H,
State, Iowa, Regiment, 9 Iowa Vol. Can
Rate, \$ 12-, per month, commencing August 19, 1890
Ending March 2-1891, date of death.

Disabled by Injury of breast, malarial poisoning,
varicose veins of left leg, and disease of
urinary organs.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, Rufus B. Tucker Fee, \$ 10. Agent to pay.
P. O., Coon Rapids, Iowa Articles filed, -, 189

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Adm. Aug. 20, 1892 Chas. B. Wise, Examiner.

Approved for Admission, pension to Approved for Injury of breast mala-
and March 2, 1891, date of soldier's death. rial poisoning, varicose veins of
payable to widow left leg & disease of urinary or-
under former laws gans, \$12.
by 'Cert'f. No. 221499
to end, Sept. 16, 1892 Keenan
sub payments. Legal Reviewer. Sept. 16, 1892
Sept. 2, 1892 Medical Referee.

now pensioned under other laws. Last paid to Dec. 4, 1890, at \$ 6.
Pensioned from Oct. 2, 1888, at \$ 6., for Inj. to breast & malarial poisoning
and previously at \$2. from Feb. 4, 1866

SERVICE SHOWN BY RECORD.

Enlisted Oct 24, 1863, honorably discharged Feb 3, 1866
Re-enlisted -, 18-, honorably discharged -, 18-
Declaration filed Aug. 19, 1890, alleges permanent disability, not due to vicious habits,
from "Injury to breast bone" malarial poisoning, Chr. diarrhoea
Disease of urinary organs, rheumatism and heart disease

blmt. writes.

July 25, 1900, closed, published open requirement of new
 claim under the general law. — G.B.H.
 Jan. 24, 1900, ret. to
 C.A. with Auth. to waive
 sur- of former eff. — H.K.

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INVALID. (Series June 27, 1891)

Cert. No. 371,499

Name, John Blair (Deceased)

Rank, Pvt.; Service Co "H" 9th Iowa
Vol. Cav.

Original Roll: Des Moines

Agency: { Transf'd _____, 18____, to _____
 " _____, 18____, to _____

Issued Sept 26, 1892

Mailed Oct 1, 1892

Rate and Period, \$ 12, from Aug 19, 1890

Ending Mar 2, 1891 date of death

Payable to Esther A. Blair (Widow)

Pension granted under former laws

Terminated Aug 18, 1890

Deductions: _____

Disability: Injury of breast, malarial
poisoning, varicose veins
of left leg & of urinary
organs

Entered _____

Issue. Class _____

Fee, \$ _____

Issued _____, 18____

Mailed _____, 18____

Rate and Period, \$ _____, from _____, 18____

Deductions: _____

Disability: _____

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Issued	18
Mailed	18
Rate and Period, \$	from 18
Deductions:	
Disability:	
Entered	
Class	
Issue	
Fee	
Issued	Dec. 19, 1888
Mailed	11 27, 1888
Rate and Period, \$6	from Oct. 2, 1888
Ending Aug. 18, 1890 by reason of allowance of a higher rate under Act of June 27, 1890. Soldier died March 2, 1891. Payment of \$1000.00. Deductions: Deduct all payments under General Law covering any portion of the same period. Disability: Injury of breast from kicking horse and material poisoning.	

INDORSEMENTS.

See Aid Coy No 344885
 Nov. 9-92. B. voucher for
 acc. pens. ret'd to P. L. with
 authority to accept, waiving
 surrender of R. B. bonds of
 Aug. 11-87 & Feb. 19-91. which
 are on file in this Bureau.
 L. J. M.

(3-230.)

INVALID. (Series _____)

Cert. No. **371499**

Name, *John Blair*

Rank, *1st Lt*; Service, *Co 108th Regt*

Original Roll: *See Invoices*

Agency, Transf'd _____, 18____, to _____

" _____, 18____, to _____

Issued _____

Mailed _____

Rate and Period, \$ *2*, from *Aug 17, 1887* to *July 7, 1888*

Deductions:

Disability: *Injury of breast from*
Rich of horse

Issued _____

Mailed _____

Rate and Period, \$ *6*, from *Oct. 2, 1888* to *Feb. 19, 1891*

Deductions:

Disability: *Injury of breast from*
Rich of horse & malarial poisoning

Issued _____, 18____

Mailed _____, 18____

Rate and Period, \$ _____, from _____, 18____

Deductions:

Disability:

Issued *Sept 26*, 1892

Mailed _____, 18____

Rate and Period, \$ *12*, from *Aug 19, 1890* to *Mar 2, 1891* (date of death)

Payable to *Esther A Blair (widow)*

Deductions:

Dis. Injury of breast malarial poisoning, varicose veins of left leg & dis of urinary organs

INDORSEMENTS.

Mich. 26/90 City of St. Louis. Feb 19/91. American Agent to auth. hold for \$2000. medical further notice.

Mich. 27/91. Pursuant to give facts as to execution of articles of agreement filed by Mading, Slusher & Co., Oct 2 1888. (30 days) A - Law. Tim. June 24/91. Mading, Slusher, to give such evidence as they

papers showing that arti-
cles were executed in Columbus,
Ind. a - Law D -

Aug. 7/91. Making, Alushee &
Co. to explain in 20 days &
but \$10 will be paid to them.
a - Law D -

10/1/91. Instructions for
prior mgs. - the have
certificates issued to make
mgs. before "J. L." good. M.

(3-2311)
No. **344885**

Ethel A. Blair

WIDOW OF

John Blair

Rank *Pvt.*, Co. *16*

Regt. *9 Ia. Vol. Regt.*

Des Moines Agency

Rate per Month, \$ *0*

Commencing *Apr 24 1891*

Additional sum of \$2 per month for each of the following children, until arriving at the age of 16 years, commencing *Apr 24 1891*

Ethel A. 10 yrs. Feb 21 1881

John H. 10 yrs. Feb 21 1881

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Issued *June 2*, 18*91*

Mailed *June 4*, 18*91*

Fee, \$ *1.00*

DEAD